

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 25, 2022

The Brunswick County Library Board met on July 25, 2022 in the Leland Library meeting room. Sheila Umbricht called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Members present: Sheila Umbricht, Emma Myles, Gibby Wilson, Barbara Akinwole and Diana Dornfeld

Also present: Patricia Dew, Library Director Diana Fotinatos and Carol Pearson FOLSOI,

Members absent: Donna Morgan, Mary Stilwell, and Jeff Mount

Umbricht introduced the new Board members. Each Board member old and new spoke briefly about her background.

Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion (Wilson) and second (Myles).

Director Dew's Report:

1. 2022-23 Budget was discussed and questions answered.

2. Staff

a. Three new staff: Megan Mabee -Harper, Kiera Abraham - Rourk, and Pete Bottiglieri -Leland

b. Another full-time staff coming soon to Southwest. Then Karen Roberts will move to 50-50 at Rourk and Barbee.

c. Hiring of part-time staff pool is in process- seven with HR for background screening.

3. Services

a. color printers delayed Hopefully, they will be installed in all branches by August.

b. Automated telephone calls for arrived holds to start soon

c. Thanks to generous contributions from all the Friends groups, I have added to our e-book collection. Moving Axis360 titles to OverDrive taking longer than anticipated.

d. Rourk is now an ecoEXPLORE HotSpot sponsored by the NC Arboretum. Program provides quarterly programming, nature exploration, virtual badges and kits which can be checked out. Kits and programs housed at Rourk and available to any BC patron.

4. Buildings

a. Rourk's "pocket park" has been cleaned up and trees removed creating a more user-friendly backyard for patrons and library programs and events.

b. Southwest is exploring options for improved landscaping in conjunction with the Cooperative Extension Service.

c. Inside improvements at Rourk and Barbee may have funding via ARPA funds from the State Library

OLD BUSINESS - It was approved after a motion by Myles and a second by Akinwole to use the Rowan Library "Request for consideration" form as a guide for the Brunswick County document.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Brunswick County Fee Schedule was unanimously approved after a motion (Wilson) and a second (Myles). This will now have to be approved by the commissioners.
2. Brunswick County Library Meeting Room Use by Non-library Groups Policy was unanimously approved after a motion (Akinwole) and a second (Wilson).
3. Umbricht and Dornfeld agreed to be the nominating committee for the October election.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 after a motion by Wilson and second by Myles

Respectfully submitted,

Mary (Gibby) Wilson for Donna Morgan, Secretary

Future 2022 Meetings: October 24 Barbee