

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 24, 2022

The Brunswick County Library Board met on October 24, 2022 in the Barbee Library meeting room. Chair Jeff Mount called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Members present: Sheila Umbricht, Emma Myles, Gibby Wilson, Barbara Akinwole and Jeff Mount

Also present: Patricia Dew, Library Director Diana Fotinatos, Susan Frost and Lisa Anderson FOLSOM

Members absent: Mary Stilwell, and Diana Dornfeld

Donna Morgan has resigned as a Trustee from the Library Board.

Barbee Manager Erica Doshier greeted the trustees and explained some of the upcoming Barbee events sponsored by FOLSOM. She also directed our attention to the “Book” bench outside the library. The Trustees thanked Erica for her hospitality and especially for the goodies she provided along with FOLSOM.

Minutes of the July 25, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Umbricht and second by Akinwole.

Director Dew’s Report:

1. Budget – A check for \$89,046 from State Library ARPA funds should be arriving any day now. This money will be used for new carpet and desk for Rourk, landscaping and a sign for SWB, and e-books for the system.

2. Staff -Jeff Maynard has been hired full-time at Rourk. Also eight part-time staff are assisting at branches which allows us to have a full staff most of the time.

3. Services

Color printers are installed in all branches. However, public self printing is only available at SWB. At the other libraries staff are making color copies for patrons.

4. Buildings

a. All branches are now open on Saturday except Harper.

b. Programming is happening everywhere, including upcoming author visits. Check the online calendar and Facebook page for details.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Previous to this meeting Director Dew had emailed the Trustees a copy of Strategic Planning booklet from the State Library. She then presented the 5 year plan that she had submitted to the State Library

when it was due in September. Her plan had 6 sections including 3 goals in line with the County Goals.

1. Mission
2. Purpose
3. Goal/Focus Area: Education
4. Goal/Focus Area: Excellent Government
5. Goal/Focus Area: Healthy and Safe Community
6. Upcoming Opportunities and Challenges

This plan is attached below in a PDF file. Just right click on the file and choose open.

This plan can be updated at any time with recommendations from Trustees, Commissioners and the Community. To this end, the Trustees proposed a committee to study the 5 year plan. All trustees present volunteered to be on the committee and asked Diana Fotinatos from FOLSOL to serve on the committee because she has experience with planning. Mount asked Akinwole to chair the committee. The four FOL Presidents will be asked to send a representative to the committee meetings. The first meeting will be November 2nd at 4 PM on Zoom.

b. Umbricht presented the slate of officers from the nominating committee (Umbricht and Dornfeld)

The following were unanimously elected after a motion by Myles and a second by Wilson.

Chair Jeff Mount

Vice-Chair Diana Dornfeld

Secretary Sheila Umbricht

c. Mount reported he is still trying to organize a Literacy Summit.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 after a motion by Umbricht and second by Myles

Next Meeting: January 23, 2023 4 PM at Harper Library, Southport

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Umbricht, Incoming Secretary



Strategic Plan
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