

Pulaski County Library System

Board of Trustees Meeting

April 24, 2018

Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library

Trustees Present: Jan Booker, Parks Lanier, Meagan Pratt, Margaret Spradlin, Lynne Clark, Kevin Siers

Trustees Absent: Karen Thompson; Lora Covey

Staff Present: Carol Smith; Sally Warburton

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Chair, Margaret Spradlin called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Parks made a motion, seconded by Jan that the minutes of March 27, 2018 be approved as written. Approved by those present.
- III. Library Reports: The following reports were reviewed by the Trustees and a copy of each is filed with the minutes of the meeting at the Pulaski Library.
 - A. Expenditures
 - B. Statistics
 - C. Director's Report
 - D. Dublin Branch Report
 - E. Public Services Report
 - F. Youth Services Report: Trustees asked about Outreach during the summer months.
 - G. Technology Report: Trustees asked about the American Evolution Committee that will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first representative legislative assembly in the New World, the arrival of the first recorded Africans to English North America, the recruitment of English women in significant numbers, the first official English Thanksgiving in North America, and the entrepreneurial and innovative spirit of the Virginia Colony: "2019: Democracy, Diversity, and Opportunity".
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Meetings and Other Reports:
 - A. Appointment of Trustees: the need for two additional board members is on the Board of Supervisors' agenda
 - B. Book in honor of Laura Walters: *Birds of the Photo Ark*, a National Geographic book by Joel Sartore, has been placed in the library

collection in honor of Laura's 8 years of volunteer service on the Library Board.

- C. State Aid FY 2019: State Aid will be decreased by about \$10,000 due to a decrease in local funds spent between 2016 and 2017. Sally let the Library Board know this amount was in salaries due to a person leaving the staff. No other action will need to be taken.
 - D. Local Budget: Library Board reviewed the FY 2018-2019 local budget and accepted it as written.
 - E. Brainstorming topics that may be appropriate for future grants:
 - 1. A book distribution to elementary school children
 - 2. An author visit to the county, including the schools
 - 3. Expand outreach to include library catalogs and databases at the retirement facilities
 - 4. Expand the libraries' role in Clubs in Schools
 - F. Virginia Financial Disclosure Statement: All present have completed the form.
- V. New Business:
- A. Feed and Read: Board members discussed the value of the library partnering with other community members and/or providing meals with library programs for children. It is unclear if there is an actual need in Pulaski County.
 - B. Increasing Literacy in Pulaski County: Sally reported that she attended a community meeting with a group of volunteers interested in improving the literacy rate in Pulaski County. The meeting was very well attended and a lot of interest and enthusiasm was on display.
- IV. Adjournment: Sally presented a letter from Delegate Nick Rush congratulating our Youth Services department on the success of the Winter Reading Program. There being no further business to bring before the Board, Parks Lanier moved for adjournment, Jan Booker seconded the motion, board approved at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Spradlin, Chair
Sally Warburton, Recorder

Approved: May 29, 2018