

**Loudon County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 27th, 2023
Greenback Public Library**

Call to Order: 5:00pm by Chair Ruth McQueen

Present:

Trustees: Ruth McQueen, Cindy Benefield, Eileen Connolly, Pauline Barbour, Diane Strever, Brandy Styer, Amy Jo Cook and Beth Waldmann

Directors: Martha Guldán, Kate Clabough, Mark Williams, Susan Dorsey and Carol De Forest

Absent: Trustee JoAnn Hart, Excused

Agenda: Approved with spelling correction on Library Director Kate Clabough's name. McQueen made the motion to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting. Barbour seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Introductions

No public present for comment.

Ocoee River Regional Library Report: Liz Schreck provided a trifold of July 2023 and state statistics of Regional eBook and Audiobook Download System (READS). The annual trustee workshop will be held in Crosville on Thursday, Sept. 28th. Schreck encouraged board members to attend if possible. Applications are also being accepted for a professional development course for library directors. Dorsey reported the county does not have funding to send library directors. The cost is \$100 per year for three years. There is also a full week each year of intensive training. That is in addition to other online/virtual activities and meetings that may be held during the year.

County Liaison: No report.

Committee Reports:

Budget: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Community Outreach: The storybook trail has been completed. The grand opening will be Wednesday, August 23rd at 10:00am in Lenoir City on the Town Creek Greenway at Rock Springs Park. Invitations and press releases are going out to local dignitaries and local media. A Facebook event has been created and is already circulating on social media.

Personnel: No report.

Directors Reports: Reports attached.

Lenoir City: The local DAR chapter has requested to store some records at the Lenoir City Public Library. It's unclear if the public will have access to those documents. Issue was tabled until the next Loudon County Library Board meeting.

Loudon: There was an incident involving a man during story time. The man put up a sign across from the Loudon Public Library. The county attorney sent a certified letter to the man.

Tellico Village: Funding for the library from the Tellico Village Property Association is being pulled. The POA donated \$9,000 a year for operating costs. The Friends of the Library is unclear if they will be able to help cover that money. A long-term solution is needed.

Greenback: No report additions.

Philadelphia: The library's air conditioning system stopped working three weeks ago. A window unit and coolers were provided by the town. The average temperature in the building is 84 degrees. Schreck says that could be an OSHA violation. McQueen is reaching out to the Philadelphia mayor to see what can be done to fix the AC.

Other Business:

Board Meeting Dates: Styer made a motion to move library board meetings to the first Thursday at 5:00pm with the month/locations listed below:

January-Lenoir City

March-Lenoir City

May-Tellico Village

July-Greenback

September-Philadelphia

November-Loudon

Barbour seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Resignation: Barbour resigned as treasurer. Will remain on board. Issue referred to bylaws committee to see if a treasurer position is needed. The position is not required.

Adjournment: 7:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Waldmann, Secretary

Attachments:

Ocoee River Regional Report

Director Reports