

**Loudon County Library Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2023**  
**Loudon Public Library**

**Call to Order: 5:01 by Chair Ruth McQueen**

**Present:**

**Trustees :** Ruth McQueen, Cindy Benefield, Pauline Barbour, Brandy Styer, Eileen Connolly, JoAnne Hart

**Directors:** Kate Claybough, Mark Williams, Carol DeForest, Martha Gulden

**Absent:** Trustee Diane Strever, Excused; Director Susan Dorsey, Excused, Trustee Beth Waldmann, Excused, Trustee Amy Jo Cook, Excused

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** 1st motioned by JoAnne Hart to accept the minutes from Sept. 7, 2023 meeting and 2nd motioned by Pauline Barbour. Motion carried.

**Ocoee River Regional Report:** - Liz Shreck was not present. Nikki Snyder distributed packets with the TN Standards for Public Libraries 2023 on all five county libraries. Snyder explained there were no glaring concerns other than issues that are not under the libraries' control such as need for more space and staffing. Snyder also shared there will be a new task protective measure starting in January 2024 and welcomes ongoing questions and concerns.

**County Liaison Report:** - Anita Wells, Loudon County Mayor's Assistant, was not present and did not send a report.

**Library Funding Update:** Loudon County is paying \$2,000 each for the McNaughton lease programs to all five libraries in the County.

**Standing Committee Reports:** there were none

**DAR Request:** Chair McQueen shared the new DAR's decision to allow public access to their materials while they are utilizing display space at the Lenoir City library. A motion was made by Benefield to allow the DAR to use the Lenoir City Public Library as a depository for DAR materials. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Imagination Library Update - Loudon County Education Foundation - ?** shared that the new President of the Foundation is forming a committee to determine how many in the county have IL, as well as who is currently benefitting and supported. Should have results in January as well as news about potential future fundraiser opportunities.

**Managers' Reports:** Were forwarded online prior to meeting. In person manager comments included:

\*DeForester reported Tellico Village Library is still struggling to make up for POA non contribution but that the Friends of Tellico Village Library is coming up with creative fundraisers.

\*Claybough and Williams attended the Summer Reading program training in Crossville which was interesting + mingling with different librarians.

\*Gulden shared that Greenback Library may be benefitting from Mayor paying for new security devices in her building.

**Blount County Collection Development** - Cindy Benefield reported that Bount County library is seeing an increase in vocal groups at board meetings challenging book offerings at their library.

**Safety Issues for Library Security** - Panic buttons, staffing, and video cameras are all on the drawing board for prevention steps.

**Other Business: None**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm. The next meeting is on Thursday, January 4, 2024 @ 5:00 pm at the Lenoir City Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eileen Connolly, Neophyte Trustee/Substitute Secretary