

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

Library Board Meeting Attendees:

Ms. Shawnta Fulton, Chairman

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Mr. Josh Blackburn

Mr. Mike Keenan

Mr. Brian Carter

Ms. Donna Hartman

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Rachel Muzzarelli, Regional Trustee

Ms. Andrea Delap, Regional Trustee

Ms. Anne Osborne, Assistant Director, Buffalo River Regional Library

Call to Order/Welcome

Ms. Fulton opened the Library Board meeting at 5:36 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022 and led roll call of participants. She reported that a new board member had been appointed to replace Ms. Shirley Dangerfield. Ms. Tori Young will fill this role but was not present for this meeting. Printed copies of the March 2022 minutes were distributed for review. Ms. Hartman made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Muzzarelli seconded. All approved.

Regional Library Report

Ms. Osborne handed out a hardcopy of the Buffalo River Regional Library report to all present. She stated that they closed out the training year with a presentation from David Vinjamuri on Library Space Planning. She reminded everyone with the closing of the fiscal year annual document signatures would be coming up soon and that ARPA Grant money should be spent by June 30th and there would be some allowance with dates due to supply chain issues as long as invoices were before the date. Additionally, she mentioned the importance of Core Competencies training which is 10 hours and recommended to be taken by all new staff members. Finally, Trustee certification is available and helps with obtaining more funding for the libraries. Ms. Osborne also reported that the State Librarian position is still open and the statewide search has resulted in four candidates they are currently interviewing.

Friends of the Library Report

Ms. Hartman reported that the Gala held on Saturday, February 28th made over \$23K and they are able to pay off the note on the library. There was money remaining and the group has continued to meet and discuss ideas of continuing the Galas to possibly finish out the library basement or other library needs.

Old Business

Ms. Murr reported the Storybook Walk signs will arrive this week. An invoice was attached with the purchase price of \$5135. These are 18 double sided signs that should accommodate any story book selected. The next step is getting these installed. She will be meeting with 5 Star Landscaping to obtain a quote on installing and landscaping around the signs.

New Business

Ms. Murr reported that there was significant damage to the roof during a storm in April. The Berkley insurance company came out and determined the entire roof needs to be replaced. There will be a \$1000 deductible and the rest would be covered. Currently, she is working on getting quotes from roofing companies.

A discussion was held concerning the board's meeting times. The Mayor's office had reached out about these dates. The Library policy was reviewed and determined no change was necessary. Meetings will occur every other month on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will be June 13th and then the following meeting will be in August.

Fayetteville Lincoln County Black History Preservation and Education group has asked for a spot in the Library to provide educational materials on Black History in Lincoln County. They have asked for a wall in the Genealogy room. Discussions were held about also using a large display cabinet. Mr. Blackburn made a motion to accept the proposal with the stipulation that the Library Director has creative input. Mr. Keenan seconded the motion and all approved.

Ms. Murr stated they have purchased over 1000 books so far but are having difficulty with places to put them. There is a definite need for more shelving. She provided a quote for 8 units with the endcaps for \$6406. Her plan is for 4 units upstairs and 4 units downstairs. Mr. Blackburn made a motion to approve the purchase and Mr. Keenan seconded. All approved.

Director's Report

Ms. Murr reported everything has been going very well and the library programs to date have been very successful. The team visited LC Academy and signed up 45 children and adults for library cards. The diabetes series presented by the Extension Office was very successful and they are hoping to provide Adventures in the Kitchen for the next

event. With all the activities planned for the summer, Ms. Murr has put out a hiring notice for an summer part-time employee. This would be someone for 15-20 hours/week at \$9/hr. She has 2 interviews scheduled this next week.

The upcoming summer's theme is Oceans of Possibility. This program will run from June 7 through July 23. June 7th is the kick-off at the Library. Ozzie the therapy dog will be there along with food trucks. FBC has given permission for their parking to be used for overflow needed on that date.

The calendar is full with events during this summer. These include virtual tours with the Chattanooga Aquarium, the Titanic Virtual tour and others. Disney princess will be visiting story time and all of Therapy Partners will bring all of their therapy dogs with Ozzie for a visit. The ribbon cutting for the Storybook Walk will be at the end of June.

Finally, Ms. Murr informed us that she is expecting again with a due date of October 2022. Since she did not make it full term last time, she is planning to have everything in order in September in anticipation of her absence. The board congratulates her and her family on this exciting news.

Closing

A final discussion was held concerning our regional board members and the dissolution of the regional board at the end of June. The board will be reviewing the bylaws and a change will be made to allow these 2 positions to be regular board members. Both regional members have indicated they would stay on the board. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Fulton closed the meeting at 6:52 p.m.