

ALAMANCE COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
May Memorial Public Library

Monday, May 19, 2015
12:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Bob Byrd, Jo Grimley, Carlene Morton, Mary Dingeldein, MJ Wilkerson, Carolyn Allen, Shirley Beyer

Guests: No guests

Staff Present: Michelle Mills, Terri Lamm

Absent: Kitty Hupman, Mike Cross, George Byrd, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm by Jo Grimley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Carolyn made the motion to approve the minutes. Mary seconded. Minutes approved.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

- MJ informed everyone that Michelle Mills, Associate Director of Community Relations, was approved for a \$50,000 LSTA grant. The grant is to expand the ACC GED, ESL and literacy classes so they are held in all the branches.
- Alice Denson, Executive Director of Orange County Literacy, is writing a grant to fund citizenship classes for Orange County and would like to include neighboring counties. ACPL is interested in holding some of these classes. Under the auspices of Orange County, we hope to form a Literacy Council for Alamance County.
- Michelle has been working with 3 Service Learning classes at Elon. The first class gathered data from May Memorial patrons. MJ presented their findings. Graham will host a focus group on June 2. There will be a focus group in Mebane on Thursday. Information gathered from the Service Learning classes and the focus groups will be used to write a strategic plan for the Library.
- Bob Byrd asked if the Gibsonville library uses some resources from Guilford County. There is a small library in Gibsonville that Guilford County annually gives money to and is used to purchase materials. There was discussion about the formerly proposed Western Alamance Branch. Municipalities are responsible for the maintenance of the buildings that library branches are housed in. If a municipality wants a branch, they would be responsible for finding or building something to house the branch. The Mayor of Gibsonville is interested in having a branch in Gibsonville. Once Gibsonville commits, MJ will go to the County Commissioners and to see if they are committed to staffing and resources. Bob

raised the concern about citizens from other counties using our resources. North Carolina is looking at a statewide library card system in the future. Because people from other counties use our libraries and Alamance County citizens use other Counties' libraries, it tends to balance out.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ID cards: Jo asked if the Board wanted to proceed with this matter. MJ met with the County Attorney, Clyde Albright. He has reservations on both the Matricula Consular cards and the Faith Action cards. There was discussion on whether to take this matter to the County Commissioners to change our policy to accept these cards. Shirley made motion to go forward and change our policy to begin accepting Faith Action & Matricula Consular cards. Carolyn seconded.

Western Alamance Branch – this discussion was included in the Director's Report above.

MJ spoke about South Annex. She met with Mac Jordan, Brian Baker and Bryan Hagood about the possibilities of moving that branch to Saxapahaw. They will be meeting to look at a space in a couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm