

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of February 9, 2016

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 12 Noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Edwards, Pat Gibson, Kevin Moretz, Brenda Sigmon, Carol Preston, Susan Hunsucker and Suzanne White, Library Director.

Also present: Paul Foster, Community Engagement Specialist for the Library System.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

CALL TO ORDER

Brenda Sigmon, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. Brenda Sigmon made the motion to approve the minutes; Carol Preston seconded; motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Community Engagement

Suzanne introduced the library's new Community Engagement Specialist, Paul Foster, to the Board. The Board introduced themselves to Paul and welcomed him. Paul shared ideas and efforts for engaging the community and advocating for the library.

NCPLDA Awards

The library was awarded two North Carolina Public Directors Association Awards: 2015-2016 Public Relations Award, Medium Library - Connecting with Our Community; and 2015-16 Outstanding Newly Constructed Facility, 10,000 – 25,999 Square Feet- Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library.

Library Endowment

Suzanne thanked the Library Board for their unanimous support and donations to the Library Endowment Fund. She noted that all of the Friends of the Library groups have given donations.

Library Outcomes/Strategic Plan/Next Steps

Suzanne reported that the FY 16/17 Budget Outcomes are aligned with the Strategic Plan and have been presented to the budget office. Priorities include: Early Literacy, including a new Born to Read/1000 Books before Kindergarten initiative; enhanced teen programming, technology training for staff and public, and continued collaboration with schools.

News/Resources/Programs

- **Latino Americans Program**

Program was very successful; and included increased outreach through the library's new Spanish newsletter.

- **Foundation Center Funding Information Network Partner**

The library has become a Foundation Center Funding Information Network Partner. The Funding Information Network is comprised of libraries, community foundations, NGO's, and non-profit resource centers across the nation who partner to provide free access to the best and most comprehensive information available on foundation and corporate giving. As a partner, the library provides access Foundation Center online and print resources and fundraising research guidance, as well as the professional staff to assist customers. There are workshops and programs for local nonprofits provided.

- **Catawba County Partnership for Children**

Suzanne and Pat Gibson are members of the Partnership for Children Board in Hickory and will be working for additional opportunities to collaborate.

- **Municipal Presentations**

Suzanne will be making advocacy presentations to the municipal Council Boards. She will be at the Newton Council on Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00. She welcomed Board members to attend and give support. Claremont, Maiden and Conover will follow.

- **Conover Branch Status**

NC Works will be housed in the Conover Station below the Conover Branch. During construction from December through April, there will be a reduction in early literacy programming due to requirements of the City of Conover. They additionally have concerns about future programming and whether library programming may disrupt NCWorks services. After construction is completed, we will consider options for noise reduction and assess further.

BIG READ

The kickoff for the Countywide BIG READ program is February 23 at the CVCC Black History Celebration. Other BIG READ events/activities planned include a Reading

Marathon with local celebrities at the Valley Hills Mall on February 27, a free day for all ages at the Murray's Mill historical site on February 27 to experience a day in the 1930's, and an opportunity to meet and hear a presentation by the BIG READ keynote speaker, Mary Badham, who played Scout in the movie "To Kill A Mockingbird." She will be speaking at four partner locations in April. A companion read of Bryan Stevenson's *Just Mercy* will include a program on March 31. The list of events is located in the February newsletter. Updates will also be shared through the library news site and Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Library Board Code of Ordinances Update

Markup and clean copies of the Code of Ordinances for the Library Board that were reviewed and edited through email over the last months were distributed to the Board for final review. Suzanne reviewed the updates and new responsibilities of the Board. After a discussion, the Board recommended that the Code of Ordinances be updated and approved as written. Pat Gibson made the motion to recommend the updated Code of Ordinances as written; Kevin Moretz seconded, motion carried.

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 2016, Newton Library

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shull