

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of February 10, 2015

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 12 Noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Sigmon, Mary Bess Lawing, Amy Smith, Amanda Edwards, Patricia Gibson

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Susan Hunsucker, Kevin Moretz

CALL TO ORDER

Amy Smith, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, November 11, 2014, were approved as written. Amanda Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Mary Bess Lawing seconded the motion; motion carried.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Community Garden Update

- Have new soil to refresh beds, and plan to plant in spring
- Leadership Catawba Project to support path reading garden
- Community Partners meeting scheduled for Feb 19th at 1:00 pm

B. Main Library Refresh

- Floor plan finished
- Children's area shelving moved
- Adult area is underway
- Carol Hall with Jenkins Peer is advising on furnishings

C. Staffing Update

- Several part-time and hourly positions have been, and are being filled, at the Main Library and at St. Stephens, Southwest, and Sherrills Ford-Terrill branches
- Carol Banker, circulation manager retired, Brandy Burnette, library assistant, was promoted to that position
- Tammy Wilson, ½ Time Public Information Officer retired; we are in process of hiring, with some restructuring, as a full-time position

D. Strategic Planning Process

- Surveys, focus groups, forums, and interview results are being analyzed

- Two work sessions have been completed with steering committee to develop vision, mission, and goals
- One of two staff meetings have been completed; staff will meet again February 23rd, the library system will be closed in the morning on the 23rd to allow all staff participation
- There will be further review from board, staff, county leadership, and the community

E. Big Read

To re-engage, re-energize readers, especially outside the library

- Catawba County Library will be partnering with Green Room, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory Public Library, Catawba Valley Community College, and others
- Kick-off at the Black History Festival in Feb 2016
- Month long activities in March: book giveaways, book discussions, film showings, Murray's Mill free day-step back to the 30s; Charlotte School of Law, current civil rights work
- Culminate with performance of the play in April
- Mary Badham, the actress who played Scout, will speak for each of 4 primary partners--ours at the Green Room on set; this will tie in with her newly published book

F. Day in the District/Legislative Day

- Day in the District, thanks to those who came, was very successful. Advocacy information was shared. It was reported that Legislative Day in Raleigh is scheduled for Feb 25th for those who can attend
- Letters, calls, emails, to our local and state officials, were encouraged
- Plan to reach out with cards for city, town leaders and council members

G. Grants

- **RFID** project: contract has been signed and orders placed. Staff will begin tagging and installation the end of this month. The process is scheduled to be complete in April, ready for the public May or June
- **Robotics:** several more sessions, new robots in, competition date May 2, likely at Abernethy Laurels
- **Edge:** 11 iPads, with 4 existing from another grant project, able to have iPads at all branch locations: 2 at Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Southwest, and 3 at St. Stephens, 4 at Newton, and 8 at Sherrills Ford-Terrill

New Grants Considering:

- **RFID Project:** continuation to Maiden, Conover, Claremont, Southwest branches
- **Tech Space:** providing cutting edge resources that the public might not be able to afford, bridging digital divide, hi tech-high touch
- **BIG Read:** A collaborative community partnership between Catawba County Library, Catawba County schools, Green Room, Catawba Valley Community College, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Hickory Public Library.

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2015, Newton Library

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shull