

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of May 10, 2016

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, 12 Noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Edwards, Pat Gibson, Brenda Sigmon, Carol Preston, and Suzanne White, Library Director.

Also present: Nicky Setzer, new appointed Library Board member from the City of Claremont.

NOT PRESENT

Susan Hunsucker, Kevin Moretz

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. Amanda Edwards made the motion to approve the minutes; Carol Preston seconded; motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Appointed Library Board Member

Suzanne introduced the new Library Board Member, Nicky Setzer, to the Board. The Board introduced themselves to Nicky and welcomed him. Nicky will be representing the City of Claremont.

Staffing

The Library is currently hiring:

- part time position at Southwest and St. Stephens
- full time at Sherrills Ford-Terrell

Library Board Code of Ordinances and Bylaws Update

Suzanne reported that the Library Board Code of Ordinances was adopted by the commissioners, and in alignment, new Board Bylaws draft was distributed to each Board Member for their input; to be adopted at next meeting.

Legislative Advocacy:

Suzanne reported that she joined the NC delegation along with over 500 nationwide in DC to advocate for libraries with our congress on National Library Legislative Day. Federal issues affecting libraries and local success stories were told sharing the impact of libraries in our communities. Each of our legislators and their legislative aides also received a Catawba County Library Card and materials sharing how to access powerful online resources.

Big Read: Big Success

Proclamation by commissioners calling on citizens to participate, Kickoff at CVCC Black History celebration, with about 250 community members; distributed 2,205 copies of TKAM & the companion read, Just Mercy to combined community location including restaurants, county departments, Corner Table, Centro Latino, civic clubs, doctor's office waiting rooms, local clubs and groups, including Connections Clubhouse and student groups. Additionally, library copies of TKAM have circulated a total of 636 times. Twenty two book discussions were hosted, at both public library systems, our academic library partners, and in the community. Libraries also held film screenings, musical events, youth programs, keynote speaker Mary Badham (Scout), Historic Murray's Mill Day in the 30s, a read-a-thon at the mall, Just Mercy discussion, and the play was presented at the Green Room Theatre. We had an estimated reach of over 4,000 including books and programming.

Grant Project Applications in the Works

- **Tech To Go:** laptops and WiFi Hotspots for underserved students and families, collaborating with schools to identify needs (*LSTA*)
- **Born to Read:** Increasing access and impacting early literacy and educational readiness by reaching newborn families in Catawba County (*LEAP BWB and Unifour Foundation*)
- **Digital Heritage:** Partnering with the Historical Association of Catawba County and Digital Heritage of NC to collect and digitize the cultural heritage of our local Hmong community, collection days for the Hmong community to bring in their family photos, letters, documents, items of historical interest, programs, and host book collections/discussions. Partner with regional and local Hmong groups. (*National Endowment for the Humanities*)
- **Summer Reading Music Connection:** Hickory Music Factory and Big Bang Boom (*UAC*)
- **Train Station 4 Staff:** 2 high powered computers (Dell/Apple), microphone, software for staff training program (*LSTA Edge Initiative*)

Library Budget:

Library Budget for FY 2016/17 was submitted, draft proposal includes Digital Services Librarian in base, potential 3% operational increases to cover existing operations. Budget public hearing scheduled for June 2nd at 7 pm; adoption by BOC scheduled for June 6th at 9:30 am.

Library Endowment

Library Endowment brochure is in the works. The next step is to have resolution passed by the commissioners and to initiate the agreement with and submit funds to the NC Community Foundation. We will begin a fundraising campaign in the fall/winter of 2016.

Board Advocacy Action Items

Suzanne thanked the board for their continuing support; and in alignment with the new Code of Ordinances and Bylaws update, shared the continuing importance of the Board's role in advocacy and input towards furthering the strategic plan, along with an active role in fundraising for the new endowment. An advocacy action plan was shared with the board, to help guide the group in their advocacy efforts, and in sharing their work with the group moving forward.

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, August 9, 2016, Newton Library

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shull