

**THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Minutes of May 11, 2011**

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in the Genealogy Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joyce Beatty, Joe Kerley, Amy Smith, Jody Street, Amanda Kain, Patricia Gibson, Mary Bess Lawing and Karen Foss, Library Director.

Joyce Beatty called the meeting to order.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Joyce Beatty, Chairman, requested that nominations be made for new officers. Upon motions made and seconded, the following officers were elected unanimously:

Chairman – Mary Bess Lawing  
Vice-Chairman, Amy Smith

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of February 8, 2011 were approved as written.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Karen Foss presented the Library Director's Report as information. She reported the following:

- a. Conover Branch Library – Conover is renovating the old Broyhill factory. Renovations should be completed summer 2011. The library plans to move August 1. The new Conover Branch facility will double in size to 3,000 sq. ft. It will be located on the top floor of the building. It was noted that there will be no expansion of library budget to facilitate the move.
- b. Sherrills Ford Branch Library – County has submitted RFQ (request for qualifications) for architects. The county has received 19. Currently, references are being checked. The architect will help find land, provide building design, etc. for a 10,000-13,000 sq. ft. library. The county Planning Dept. has recommended additional sites to consider. A discussion followed concerning the Cutchin property. Ms. Foss emphasized the positive step the RFQ is for the process of building a larger Sherrill's Ford Branch.
- c. Ms. Foss thanked Joyce Beatty, Joe Kerley, and Jody Street for their time spent on the Library Board and the expertise they brought to the Board. She presented them with a gift.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

New Board members: Brenda Sigmon, Amanda Edwards, Susan Hunsucker

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: August 9, 2011, Main Library

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Smith