

THE CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of November 8, 2011

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Gibson, Mary Bess Lawing, Amanda Edwards, Amy Smith, Kevin Moretz, and Karen Foss, Library Director.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Susan Hunsucker, Brenda Sigmon

Mary Bess Lawing, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES:

The minutes of August 9, 2011, were approved as submitted. Patricia Gibson made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted; Amy Smith seconded the motion; motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Foss presented the Library Director's Report as information reporting on the following:

- Conover, Claremont, Maiden and Main have fiber network connections to the Internet. Southwest, Sherrills Ford and St. Stephens have Citrix connections which are slower and not as reliable. These branches are being connected to the fiber through the use of e-rate (federal dollars). This will help our customers at Southwest, Sherrills Ford and St. Stephens have the same quick and reliable service that our city branch users enjoy.
- The library has had two retirements this fiscal year. Shirley Sipe from St. Stephens Branch retired with 31 years of service and Judy Foster from Main retired with 32 years of service. Judy Foster's position, Senior Librarian, has been classified to a Librarian. Siobhan Loendorf has been hired and will begin work November 5th. Siobhan will work at the Conover and Claremont Branches as librarian. She will help us to add adult and children's programs to these branches. Ms. Foss noted that after a 10 year goal, there is now a librarian at each location.
- The library director of Hickory Public Library, Mary Sizemore, has taken a new job in the City of High Point. The seat on the Partnership for Children's Board for librarian rotates between the director of Hickory Public and Catawba County Library. Ms. Foss reported that she has now been reappointed to fill the vacant librarian seat. She did note that she has previously served 8 years on the board.
- Conover Branch is up and running in its new location. The move went well and the community has been very pleased with the new facility.

- Sherrills Ford building project is now underway. Ms. Foss noted that she sent the update last week inviting all members to participate in the first meetings with the architect. There was a brief discussion. All members of the Board plan to attend one or all of the meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Patricia Gibson commented on the library's PR and what a great job Tammy Wilson, Public Information Officer, does getting the news out to everyone.

Amanda Edwards expressed her appreciation to the County Purchasing Department and to County Management for allowing bids to go out to local manufacturers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Next meeting: February 14, 2012, 12 Noon, Main Library

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Shull, Secretary