

**York County Library Board of Trustees**  
Minutes from May 9, 2024 Meeting - Clover Public Library

The YCL Board meeting was called to order at 6:07 pm by Dahlin, Board Chair. A quorum was determined with the following trustees in attendance: Debra Dahlin, Dennis Getter, Wendi Michael, Susan Piening, Charles Robinson, and Anne Witte. Also present from YCL: Martin House, Buffy Koran, and Julie Ward.

A motion was made and carried unanimously to approve the agenda. (Michael/Witte)

A motion was made and carried unanimously to approve the April meeting minutes. (Getter/Piening)

### **Director's Report**

#### **Finance**

- This statement does not include purchasing card transactions and that will increase expenses by \$10,840.
- Capital Outlay variance is from the new maintenance van.
- The variance in Binding is because recent projects have been more expensive because they have to be sewn.

#### **Statistics**

- New format for statistics taking out library jargon and explaining what all sections mean.
- Social media stats are now included.
- Virtual Library (ebooks, audiobooks, music, databases, etc) is different from Virtual Requests (Ask a Librarian and contact form and online library renewals).
- Hoopla and Libby holds have been added.
- Comments:
  - Witte - Attendance rates are great.
  - Dahlin - The amount of programming you are able to accomplish given the limited space is amazing.
  - Dahlin - Do the Facebook stats include shares? Please add if they don't.
  - Getter - How many library cards do we have issued? Would like to compare to Lexington and Spartanburg to use it as a benchmark as it shows interest in libraries.
  - Getter - Are there time limits on meeting room usage? Yes. Library programs take priority and we close at 7pm so that does not allow for late meetings.
  - Getter - Program attendance based on the number of programs is high.

#### **Stories of Impact**

- Love your Library word cloud is a culmination of what patrons shared during feedback requests. The more often the words show up the more often they are shared.

- A Clover family moved here from Michigan and loves the toddler time, even when compared to Michigan and NC libraries. Clover library is small, but amazing, and Mariah is phenomenal.
- A parent reported that the Lake Wylie Paws to Read program has their child reading on his own after reading to the dog.
- Adult says that the Lake Wylie library book club is her place of sanity because she cares for an ill spouse.

### **Programming**

- Summer Learning Challenge is 6/3 through 7/30. The theme is Adventure Starts at your Library. We will have performers at multiple branches (magicians, puppets, marionettes, drumming, circus, and many fun and adventurous events). It is free to the public and sponsored by Friends of the Library.
- Comments:
  - Getter - The cost must be high. Ward indicated there is a discount because we book pretty far in advance for multiple libraries.
  - Robinson - Councilman Roddy was very impressed when he visited Rock Hill and saw a Chair Yoga program. The library isn't just the kind of place where you read a book and we need to promote adults having fun at your library.

### **Old Business**

#### **Strategic Planning Committee Update**

- Have five new proposals and will create a rubric to assess and narrow down prior to the June meeting. Final interviews over Zoom with the top two candidates, with a final recommendation in July.

#### **Advocacy Update**

- Dahlin, Witte, Getter, Ward, and House are meeting with town leaders in Hickory Grove and McConnells next week to speak about how the library can serve them.
- Dahlin, Getter, Robinson, and Ward will meet with Mayor Gettys to talk about the new regional park they are building.
- Dahlin is trying to connect with Gary Simril at Winthrop for possible partnership opportunities.
- Getter met with Mayor Savage in Fort Mill. She agrees that libraries are important to communities and recommends focusing on branch libraries. Discussed how the county will look in the next ten years and the population growth as related to where we need new libraries. Emphasized the importance of local community buy in and how important that support will be for any library expansion.
- Getter asked about whether we know if the county wants to plan for new buildings or for rental space. There was discussion about where growth is happening and where the best spots for expansion will be in the county. Dahlin suggested asking all County Council which way they lean in terms of renting vs. building as well as the new County Manager. There may be empty office space in Fort Mill to rent.
- Piening has not been able to meet with Allison Love, but will check on setting something up with the Clover mayor.
- Michael was not able to meet with Tom Audette due to his busy schedule.

## **New Business**

### **Calendars for 2024-2025**

- Board meetings will continue to be the second Thursday of the month and are scheduled at different branches based on branch meeting room availability.
- A motion was made and carried unanimously to approve the board meeting schedule for fiscal year 2024/2025. (Michael/Piening)
- Closings are for holidays and staff inservice days. These are days the branch/branches are closed for training, staff meetings, and other projects.
- A motion was made and carried unanimously to approve the closings with the correction to the typo for the Thanksgiving closing which should be "Closed 11/28/2024". (Michael/Piening)

A motion was made and carried unanimously to move into executive session for the discussion of the Annual Director Evaluation at 6:56 pm. (Michael/Piening)

A motion was made and carried unanimously to exit the executive session at 7:21 pm. (Michael/Piening)

### **Annual Director Evaluation**

Dahlin will email the evaluation form and any other information to the board members. There will be an executive session at the June meeting to finalize the final recommendation.

A motion was made and carried unanimously to end the meeting at 7:24 pm. (Witte/Robinson)