

February 24, 2014

The Trustees of the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield met on Monday January 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield.

Present

Debbie Cobb
Jerry Ferguson
Jeff Jennings, Vice Chairman
Terri Lee
Sandra O' Berry

Absent

Rita Dickinson, Chairman
Carolyn Ennis
Heather Ford

Also present was teen representative, Jessica Mencia, Former Board Member, Michael Creech, Library Director, Margaret Marshall and Recording Secretary, Vickie Duren.

Vice Chairman, Jeff Jennings called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The minutes of the November meeting were approved by the Board.

Michael Creech was presented with a framed Resolution of Appreciation in recognition of his fourteen years of service on the Board of Trustees. Refreshments were served.

Margaret asked if the Board wishes to continue to use the Resolution of Appreciation to honor the service of Board members when they leave our Board. Both Tim Rogers and Jimmy Narron have stepped down since Michael's term expired. It was the consensus of the Board to continue to use the resolution. Vickie will prepare these documents for the Trustees to sign, so they can be presented as soon as possible.

The Bookmobile service has been suspended since the death of Pam Viars. The Bookmobile, which is 20 years old now, has aged out and will not last much longer. The operation cost and repair cost of a smaller vehicle would be more cost effective. Many patrons have contacted Board member Jerry Ferguson, in recent weeks, to request that the service be continued. A determination should be made as to whether or not the Library should replace the Bookmobile with a smaller vehicle, such as a van, or seek funding to purchase a new Bookmobile. If the current service was downgraded to outreach only, specifically targeting patrons who cannot get to a local library, the service could be provided with a van.

After some discussion, the Board determined that more information is needed, about the service that is currently being provided, and the type of patrons being served, for that determination to be made. In the meantime, a short term solution is to hire a temporary driver to reinstate Bookmobile service while information is being gathered for a plan.

If another Bookmobile is needed, we can explore sources and options to pay for it.

The Bookmobile is currently in the shop to be inspected for necessary repairs/leaks etc. at Peeden Truck Repair. Vickie will speak to Mr. Peeden in regards to finding someone who can help us determine the vehicle's value.

Margaret gave the Director's Report.
Vickie gave the Financial Report

In a report of the Finance Committee Debbie Cobb stated that she has learned of another Financial Advisor that she would like to have come to speak to the committee. Roger G. Taylor and his daughter

Sarah T. Dixon of Taylor Financial from Rocky Mt. The Finance Committee will meet on February 3rd. at 9 AM. The Committee will meet with representatives of several Financial Companies the following week, on February 11th. Debbie would like the committee members to meet together first, at 8:00 AM, before the Financial Advisors speak, to look at the accounts that could be combined.

Jerry Ferguson will speak to Jimmy Narron before the Finance Committee meeting on February 3rd, regarding Jimmy serving as Attorney and legal advisor for the Library.

Margaret shared correspondence in the form of an email which she received from Ruth Ann Copley notifying her of Clayton Library's application to join e ink consortium.

Jeff Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terri Lee made a motion to adjourn. Her motion was seconded by Debbie Cobb. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Jeff Jennings, Vice Chairman

Vickie Duren, Recorder