

Minutes

Laurens County Library Board of Trustees

April 26, 2017

4:30 pm, Board Room of the Laurens County Library

Attendance: Dr. John W. Womack, Ms. Shirley Jefferson, Ms. Velma Austin, Ms. Annette Senn Crawford, Ms. Wanda Woody, Ms. Carol Gaines, Ms. Ann Szypulski

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

The press was notified on April 10, 2017

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Ms. Woody made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Austin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Financial Report: Ms. Szypulski presented the financial report as prepared by Accountant Mike Fortune. She said that spending is proceeding as needed and planned as we move toward the end of the fiscal year. She asked that anyone with any questions about the report or spending to contact her. The Board Members present reviewed the report and accepted it as information.

Policy Request – Library Grounds Smoke-Free: Ms. Szypulski said that because the library hosts a wide range of people including many children, and because of recent complaints from staff and patrons, she suggests to the Board that the entire library grounds be declared smoke and tobacco free. She said that she wasn't sure whether county council would need to be informed or to approve, but she would check on that. After brief discussion a motion was made by Ms. Woody to accept the policy of Smoke and Tobacco Free Grounds, stating that no smoking or tobacco was allowed in the buildings, vehicles or library grounds. Ms. Austin seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Ms. Szypulski said she would check whether approval by county council was needed and would also order and install signage.

Budget Update: Ms. Szypulski said that the proposed budget from the county is not yet available but should be soon. She said she most likely would be going before the council to ask for replacement of carpeting in Laurens.

Report on Clinton Library: Ms. Szypulski said reported that the meeting in Clinton went well and interest was shown in a new library. She said the city of Clinton seems very interested in getting a library started. However, county officials continue to stress that the county financial situation needs to be improved.

Directors Report: Ms. Szypulski reported to the Board on various happenings and ongoing projects at the library.

Friends Report: Carol Gaines, incoming president, represented the Friends of the Library and gave a brief report of their activities. The Friends Annual Meeting will feature Pam Stone and will be held Sunday, June 4.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Ann R. Szypulski 4/28/17