

Minutes

Laurens County Library Board of Trustees

October 23, 2019

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

Attendance: Dr. John W. Womack, Ms. Shirley Jefferson, Ms. Sandra Power, Ms. Annette Senn Crawford, Ms. Rose Blackstone, , Ms. Ann Szypulski

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Ms. Power made a motion to accept the minutes and Ms. Blackstone seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Financial Report: The financial report was presented as prepared by accountant Mike Fortune. The report was accepted as information.

Teleconference with John Chratska of Everylibrary: John Chratska explained the purpose of Everylibrary and discussed some of the challenges that libraries often face when requesting funding. Ms. Szypulski and Board members talked about some of the specific challenges in Laurens County. Mr. Chratska talked about the importance of partnerships and of promoting prosperity and pride in the community. He said he would be available for more conversations as needed.

Closing Schedule: The Closing Schedule for 2020 was presented. Ms. Szypulski said it followed a pattern similar to past years except that Staff Day is not yet determined. She said she would designate a staff day later in the year. Ms. Jefferson made a motion to approve the Closing Schedule for 2020. Ms. Crawford seconded. A vote was taken and approved.

Laurens Building Update: The Board members agreed that the new lighting was a very good improvement. Ms. Szypulski said it should save money on the power bill, also. She said that the HVAC replacement work was scheduled to start this week and would take two to three months overall. She said that the library would not have to be closed, but there would be some disruptions.

Long Range Capital Needs: Ms. Szypulski presented the long range capital needs as presented to the county administrator. The Board reviewed and Ms. Blackstone made a motion the plan be approved. Ms. Power seconded. A vote was taken and the plan approved.

Director's Report: Ms. Szypulski presented the Directors Report and asked that she be contacted with any questions.

Friends of the Library: Ms. Szypulski said Ms. Gaines was travelling. The Friends of the Library have been very helpful. The new membership drive with tote bags begins on November 1.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.