

Minutes

Laurens County Library Board of Trustees

October 25, 2017

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

Attendance: Dr. John W. Womack, Ms. Velma Austin, Ms. Annette Senn Crawford, Ms. Wanda Woody, Ms. Carol Gaines, Ms. Rose Blackstone, Ms. Sandra Power, Ms. Jamie Lambert, Ms. Ann Szypulski

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. Ms. Szypulski introduced Jamie Lambert, who was promoted to Deputy Director/Clinton manager.

The press was notified on October 9, 2017.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Ms. Power's name was added as in attendance. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes. 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 the report looks slightly different because the accountant is noting prepaid expenses as requested by the auditors. The financial report was accepted as information

Budget for 2017/18: Ms. Szypulski reminded Board Members that at the last meet an operating budget was approved but the final budget could not be approved because Laurens County Council had not approved a budget for the county. The county budget was approved in August so Ms. Szypulski presented the library budget for 2017/18 to the Board for approval. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Ms. Woody to approve the library budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blackstone. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

State Aid Agreement and Library Budget Form: The State Aid Agreement and Library Budget form for Laurens County Library was presented. Ms. Szypulski said that the numbers are slightly different because gifts and donations are not included in the Local Funds category. A motion was made by Ms. Woody to approve the Form. A vote was taken and the Form was approved as completed and Dr. Womack signed as Library Board Chair. Ms. Szypulski noted that the percentage for personnel was 63% instead of the required 65-70%. She said that personnel funds budgeted was done slightly different this year with closer attention to part time salaries. A waiver will be requested of the State Library for this variance. The Board accepted this as information.

Closing Schedule for 2018: Ms. Szypulski presented the library closing schedule for 2018. She said that one difference is that the library will be closed on the Saturday before Martin Luther King holiday. A vote was taken and the closing schedule was approved as presented.

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 Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm. The next Board meeting will be January 31, 2018.

Ann R. Szypulski 10/27/17