

Minutes

Laurens County Library Board of Trustees

July 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. Rose Blackstone, Ms. Ann Szypulski

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

The press was notified on July 10, 2017.

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Ms. Power made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Jefferson 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 this report contains information about all of the spending and revenue in FY2017. She said that spending generally went as planned. 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.

Operating budget and delayed county budget for FY 2017/18: Ms. Szypulski discussed the budget for 2017/18. She said that approval of the county budget has been delayed so that she is not able to present a firm and official budget for the library at this time. She presented an operating budget to be in effect until the budget can be approved, after the final reading and approval of the county budget. A motion was made by Ms. Jefferson to approve the operating budget until the October board meeting. Ms. Woody seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

SC Works Report: Ms. Szypulski reported that Ann Skinner of the Upper Savannah Council of Governments had notified her that SC Works would be moving from their office in the library. She gave three months notice so the last payment would be for October. Ms. Szypulski said she expected this would affect the library's visitor count. She will look for another suitable agency to occupy that space, or will work on developing a community use for the space.

Time and Day for Upcoming Board Meetings: Ms. Szypulski and the Board discussed the day and time of meetings. The consensus was to have the meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the month following end of a quarter and the meetings will begin at 4:30.

Directors Report: Ms. Szypulski reported to the Board on various happenings and ongoing projects at the library. She said the library is having a party for viewing the eclipse and has been handing out the eclipse glasses.

Friends Report: Carol Gaines, incoming president, represented the Friends of the Library and gave a brief report of their activities. The Friends will fund refreshments for the Eclipse party.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Ann R. Szypulski 8/2/17