

March 21, 2016
Dorchester County Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
George H. Seago Branch Library

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Warren McCall called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Board members Tommy Socha, Keturah Inabinett, Katherine Pemberton and Beth Sabine. Staff members in attendance were Pinky Harriot, Jennie Redmond and Becky Westfall. Also attending were members of the Advocacy Committee of the SFOL Robyn Dudley, Beverly Brockman, Cathy Coffey, Ellen Hyatt, Jennifer Armenti, Carol Brummett, Sandra Baden, Debbie Lodge and Linda Ensor.

2. Public Comment

The Advocacy Committee was welcomed and Chairman Debbie Lodge made a brief statement of support and interest on behalf of the group. The mission of the group is to spread information about the library services and advocate for community awareness. They have sponsored projects such as presentations and writing contests. The support was welcomed by Board members.

3. Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Sabine to accept the 01/25/2016 minutes as written. Ms. Pemberton seconded and the motion passed.

4. Business Reports

The Finance Report as of 02/29/2016 and Business Department Report as of 3/21/2016 are attached. Ms. Harroitt reported total income of \$2,413,373.39 and expenditures made of \$1,935,812.70.

Two fulltime positions are currently being advertised. Resumes will be accepted until March 25. Revised Policy and Procedures Manuals are completed and being reviewed by all personnel. Staff Day is scheduled for April 12th. The Library will be closed on this day and the focus of the meetings will be customer service.

5. Director's Report

The Director's Report is attached. Ms. Redmond elaborated on the Facilities Assessment and Strategic Plan review of community input. These reports are attached as well. Action plans are being developed to address selected areas of comment such as collections, customer service and marketing of library services.

6. Action Items

The Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed the 2016/17 Budget Proposal. The Budget as proposed is attached. Mr. Socha moved that the budget be accepted as proposed. Ms. Inabinett seconded and the motion passed. Comments were noted that some state funding resulting from increase in State Aid and possible lottery proceeds may be available later this year and the budget will be amended at that time to accommodate those changes. The budget will be submitted to County Council on April 4th and on May 23rd.

The Liollo & Associates report will be presented to the Library Board at 6:00 pm on March 29th at the George H. Seago Library.

7. Committee Reports

Charles Jones African Art was contracted to provide an independent assessment of the art collection. Their report is attached. It was the opinion of this art appraisal company that only a few pieces of the collection are authentic or culturally significant. The rest of the collection is comprised of contemporary replicas made for tourist trade. Ms. Sabine made the motion that the items identified as authentic or culturally significant be used as a display at one or both libraries and possibly loaned to other groups as requested. The balance of the collection should be auctioned by a recommended art auction house. After brief discussion the motion was withdrawn. Dr. McCarl moved that the committee study the report and come back to the Board with a recommendation. Ms. Sabine seconded and the motion passed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.