

The Weakley County Library Board of Directors met for its FIRST quarterly meeting on July 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 by Chairman Bettye Legons. The board members present were Bettye Legons, Chairman; Lisa Morgan, Vice-Chairman; Julie Cooper, Treasurer; Anna Clark; Faye Kendall; Kenneth Irvine; Aldo Aguilar; Candy McAdams, Director; Jenny Gillihan, Obion River Regional Library Assistant Director and Joyce Haworth, former board member.

Joyce Haworth introduced Faye Kendall as the new trustee representing Sharon Public Library.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the previous quarter were reviewed. Anna Clark made a motion to accept, Kenneth Irvine seconded the motion, and all present approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Julie Cooper presented the financial reports which included a report of the summer reading program donors and a final budget statement of expenditures. A motion was made by Lisa Morgan to approve them and Anna Clark seconded the motion with all in favor.

Individual Reports Concerning City Libraries

Julie Cooper gave a report stating that the Gleason librarian, Anna Eaton was out of town but that the library's summer reading program went well. Bettye Legons stated that she did not have a physical report from the Greenfield Library due to Kathy Watkins being out due to health issues. The library was doing the best it could in her absence with help from the Regional Library and volunteers. Faye Kendall reported that Sharon Library had a good summer program and had a movie in the park for families. Lisa Morgan gave the Palmersville. report on the little library housed at CJ's restaurant. Anna Clark reported that new Martin Library was working through issues with the new building but still were serving people with free books being weeded and donated from their collection. They still have physical circulation and READS. A copy of all are attached to the minutes.

Circulation Report

Candy McAdams presented the circulation report for the 4th quarter including a synopsis of the successful summer reading program. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Obion River Region Report

Assistant Director Jenny Gillihan gave the Obion Regional report with handouts. The standard targeted is an image evaluation of the library. She suggested possibly have a trustee from another library come in as a secret "Santa" type. Anna Clark recommended maybe having Eric Nordberg from UTM, she said he was wanting to do outreach with other schools and libraries. Jenny discussed the new grant opportunities including the ARPA grant and the Emergency Connectivity Grant. The library is not applying for the ARPA Grant due to the need for prior payment before receiving funds. Other handouts included the READS circulation and training plan. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Old Business

Candy McAdams reminded the Board of the Big Read on July 29. She reported that the library budget would now go to the full County Commission at the end of July for approval. The library hosted several summer reading programs and had good participation.

New Business

The library will be hosting a Lego Party on July 14 and a back to school bash the 30th of July. Story time will begin early this year on August 4th in hopes of getting parents and children coming again. The annual pumpkin decorating contest will be in October.

Candy is revising the job descriptions and hopes to have them done by the next Board meeting in October. The County will be giving 6 percent raises pending approval by the full commission. The raises will be allotted according to job performance with Karen Gertsch receiving \$2,000 and Carol Tippins receiving \$1,200.

A motion to adjourn was made by Julie Cooper, Lisa Morgan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

