

**James L. Hamner Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2020**

The meeting, which was held in the meeting room of the county administration building, was called to order at 7:05 by Jennifer Jones. Members present were Jill Hames, Tom Hayghe, Hilda Foster, Carol Hix, Jennifer Jones, Karen Freas, Phil Seyfried, Mary Ann Griles, and Gail Geraghty. District 3 County Supervisor Sean Weyant was also in attendance.

Minutes - Jennifer asked for questions about minutes from our last meeting, there were none. Carol moved we approve the minutes, and Hilda seconded.

Friends of the Library report - No member was present. Jill shared that the Friends remain inactive, and have had no recent meetings.

Corresponding Secretary's report - Carol said that she has not sent out any cards, but will send condolences to the family of former board member Donald Simmons, who passed away last week.

Treasurer's Report - Karen said that our local Wells Fargo branch is closing in November, and she's been looking to move our account to another local bank. She has contacted BB&T and Citizens banks and has received information about accounts there. We have a current balance of \$707.68. Money was spent this month on purchasing a plaque for Phil, and for a donation to the Friends in honor of Helen Wright. Jill said that a library board having a bank account was irregular. Discussion was made of donating the money to the Friends, and if so, Phil suggested that we ask the Friends to pigeonhole some for us, if a future need arises. Jennifer suggested we reach out to them about it. Karen and Jill said that they would address that and let us know.

Jennifer said that there are no committee reports as committees have been unable to meet. Carol did share that the county will be sending out the budget in December.

Director's Report - Jill said that currently our library has made room for four public computer spaces, and five spaces for those bringing their own equipment. The meeting room is full of storage to make room for social distancing. The new staff member, Yvonne Gianniny has been doing very well. She came with a good deal of knowledge about libraries from her former position and "everyone loves her". Jennifer asked if many parents have been in with their kids for schoolwork. Jill said that there have been some, particularly for use of the wifi. Jennifer asked about the numbers and Jill said we've been getting about 60 people a day.

Jill asked the board what we should do about election day, November 3, as it's now a state holiday. Tom asked Jill what she thought would be the right thing to do, and Jill said that she would like to be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. That way staff would have plenty of time to vote.

Jill said that it looks like the library will be getting a recording room, which will more efficiently use equipment and produce better quality productions. Sean Weyant said that it was paid for by CARES Act money. Jill said that the Friends gave money to pay for a podcast with author Tracey Sorell from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. Jill recorded remotely with Tracy on Friday and the podcast will be coming out soon.

Jill shared that a salary study is being done by the county.

Sean said that CARES money is still available, so if the board can think of anything we need to please share it. Jill said that part of the money is being spent on a book drop to separate books and DVD's.

Jennifer acknowledged that Phil Seyfried has retired from the board and has dedicated many years to the service of our library. She presented him with a plaque for fifteen years of service, and photos were taken. Phil expressed appreciation of board members, especially the members who had been here when he joined: Beatrice Head and Phyllis Brown. The board thanked him and wished him well. Refreshments were served.

The next executive committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 17th.

Hilda moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. and Tom seconded.