

James L. Hamner Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairperson Jennifer Harris. Tom Hayghe, Virginia Whitaker, Carol Hix, Ruth Ashton, Mary Ann Griles, Karen Freas and Board of Supervisors liaison Shaun Weyant were also present. Ruth made a motion, seconded by Karen, that the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting be accepted. The motion passed.

Public Comments--none

Friends Report—no one from the Friends was present; Jill reported that the bookstore had opened and would stay open on Saturdays.

Officers' Reports—none

Committee Reports

Facility—Jill made a presentation of the results of the needs study at the BOS Workshop on July 14, 2021. The BOS said they could not say anything now because they had other requests; they were hopeful we would hear something by winter. Shaun said it was a very nice presentation.

Jennifer reminded everyone to call Senators Warner and Kaine and ask them to support the Build America's Libraries Act (S.127). Please identify yourself and the library; mention that we have already finished a needs study; are a rural area without internet access in some areas; people come to the library to use internet or just sit in the parking lot and use it.

Library Director's Report—Katie is the new Circulation Manager and Wren is the Assistant Circulation Manager. The part-time

floating position has been filled and the person will start August 1. The position of Community Engagement Librarian is not filled. There have not been any qualified applicants. Jill will keep advertising.

The library has received a grant for a little more than \$9000 that has to be used to extend WiFi to the community. A table will be placed in the garden with internet access and an umbrella.

Old Business—none

New Business—an Executive Committee meeting will not be held every month, only when one is needed.

The meeting room is being opened to the public again and the Meeting Room Policy was updated. Some of the changes are that outside of library hours, the person reserving the room is responsible for anyone who enters; groups can now meet 24 times a year; maximum capacity was reduced from 50 to 30 people; the library's name may not be used in any advertisement, only the address and the "Hamner Room". Karen made a motion, seconded by Mary Ann, that the policy be approved. The motion passed.

Jennifer reminded us that there were 10 \$25 scholarships available to virtually attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference on October 20-23. There are certain conditions that must be met if you receive the scholarship. Any trustee can pay the entrance fee themselves and attend. Mary Ann said she attended virtually once and found it very interesting.

A motion was made by Ruth, seconded by Karen, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.