

Pulaski County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 30, 2021

Charles and Ona B. Free Memorial Library

Trustees Present: Meagan Pratt, Chair; Lynne Clark; Jan Booker; Margaret Brewster; Kevin Siers; Margaret Spradlin

Trustees Absent: Ashley Hale; Jennifer McCarthy; Drew Foxx

Staff Present: Judy Baker; Jena Coalson; Sally Warburton

- I. Call to Order and Welcome: Meagan called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm at the Charles and Ona B. Free meeting room. All present were fully vaccinated and felt comfortable gathering around the table without masks or physical distancing.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Margaret Brewster moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2021. Lynne Clark seconded the motion which was passed by those present. Since there was not a quorum at the March meeting the minutes will be included in the record without approval by the Board.
- III. Library Reports: no questions or comments by the Board. Meagan moved directly to new business to accommodate a presentation by Jena Coalson.
- IV. New Business:
 - A. Juvenile library cards and computer use policy: Jena presented facts and examples supporting internet use by juvenile users and obtaining a library card without parent permission. Current policy creates a barrier to children using the library. The public library should be open and welcoming to all. After some discussion Meagan called for a motion and Lynne moved that all children aged 12 and older can obtain a library card and that everyone can use a computer at the public libraries without the need to check it out by presenting a photo id or library card. The motion was seconded by Jan and passed unanimously.

Jena also reported on Summer Reading Program Plans which will include rewards for reading, outdoor programming, and the use of an app, Beanstack, to register & chart individual progress.

The Children's Department sponsored a Storywalk at the Dublin Library and in Pulaski on the Courthouse lawn. Yard signs of the pages of a children's storybook were created and posted for people to read & enjoyed as they moved from sign to sign.
 - B. Job description for Public Services Coordinator: Justine Farlow will be leaving the staff as Public Services Coordinator. The Board reviewed the job description and Jam moved to approve as written. Kevin seconded the motion which was passed.
 - C. Endowment Fund: The libraries received \$440 in income this year which was added to the donation fund.
 - D. People Counter: a new counter has been installed at the Pulaski Library which is creating a more accurate account of visitors to the library each day.

V. Old Business:

- A. COVID Updates: fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask in the libraries and distancing requirements will be eased on May 28, 2021 as per the Governor of Virginia's Executive Order #79.
 - B. Books have been added to the collection in honor of Parks Lanier's many years of service on the Library Board and in memory of Jeanne B. Whitman for her service to the children of Pulaski County as an elementary school principal.
- VI. Adjournment: There being no further business, Jan moved to adjourn, Margaret Spradlin seconded, and all voted in agreement. The meeting ended at approximately 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meagan Pratt, Chair
Sally Warburton, Recorder

Approved: July 27, 2021