

Pulaski County Library System  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 26, 2024

Those Present: Laura Walters, Vice-Chair; Jan Booker; Kathy Weddle; Carol Smith

Those Absent: Lynne Clark; Robin Keener; Margaret Brewster; TJ Cox; Kathy Weddle; Robert Graham

Staff Present: Sally Warburton; Sheena Johnson; Kristine Saunders

- I. Call to Order: Laura called the meeting to order at 4:30pm at the Pulaski Public Library. Lacking a quorum, items requiring a vote of approval will be tabled until the meeting on May 28, 2024.
- II. Approval of Minutes: tabled
- III. Library Reports: The reports were reviewed.
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Meetings and Other Reports
  - A. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Updates: Sally reviewed the financials and Kristine reviewed membership – 780 children are enrolled which is 52% of the preschool population. Donations are sufficient to pay the invoices and we are waiting to hear if the State will continue to fund 50%. Jan spoke on the addition of a brochure translated into Spanish which is being distributed to our ESL community.
  - B. Interior Painting of Dublin Library: the painting has been completed and the Dublin Library only needs parking lot repaving which is planned for the spring. Reflooring Pulaski Library is being planned and scheduled.
  - C. Friends of the Library: Carol gave a report on the reorganization of the Friends group. A dinner is planned in April and an annual meeting in October. The question arose if the Library has received any funds in memory of deceased board member Jennifer McCarthy. No money has been donated in her memory, but a book has been placed in her honor in the library collection – *The New Complete Dog Book* by the American Kennel Club.
  - D. Panic Buttons: Clay Howlett, County IT, has arranged for these to be added in both libraries in case of emergency. The alarm will go directly to the sheriff's department.
- V. New Business
  - A. Man Banned from Libraries: Unfortunately, an individual destroyed a sink in one of the public restrooms and was arrested for destruction of public property and banned from the libraries.
  - B. Trustees email addresses on website: Several Trustees requested that their email be removed from the library website due to scamming issues. This will be revisited in May to present it to those Trustees not present.
  - C. Budget Requests: The new requests for the libraries for FY2025 was support for the Imagination Library Program and reflooring the Pulaski Library.

VI. Adjournment: Before adjourning, Sally let the board know that the library system has been awarded the Virginia Public Library Silver Standards of Excellence. We will receive a plaque at the Virginia Library Association Conference in the fall. There being no further reports, the meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Walters, Vice-Chair  
Sally Warburton, Recorder

Approved: May 28, 2024