

Minutes
Wilkes County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
3:30 p.m.

Present: Ola Norman (TB FOL president, Board Vice-Chair), Bill Davis, Arnold Lakey, Brenda Dobbins, Casey Johnson, Glenda Adams; for the library, Suzanne Moore (County Librarian), Jane Blackburn (ARL Director), Aruna Rossi ; Absent: Gwen Minton, Becky Ball, Sharon Underwood, Beth Tharrington.

- Call to Order by Ola Norman, Vice-Chair, at 3:33 p.m.

- Additions, deletions, and approval of agenda was skipped.

- Approval of previous meeting minutes: Our secretary had the wrong day on her calendar for this meeting so the minutes were not available today. (They were subsequently sent out on 3/3.)

- Friends of the Library Reports
 - Glenda Adams for the FOL of the main library: no annual fundraiser dinner this November; bookmark being given out with the dates of book sales through June; committees are formed and beginning to work.
 - Ola Norman for the branch FOL: 8 new people at Saturday's Jammin' at the Branch; new book club is doing well also with some new people.

- Correspondence and communications: Suzanne shared some nice comments that patrons wrote on paper hearts for National Library Lover's month.

- Old Business: none

- New business
 - Plans for Rose Herring memorial donations: Suzanne reported that so far, in addition to a \$10,000 gift to the Endowment, people have given a total of \$15,450 in unrestricted donations in memory of Rose Herring. She suggested using that money for something "big." Two ideas for this were 1) Library Lockers at a remote location (for picking up requested materials) and 2) renovating the periodicals area to make it more attractive and useful. Suzanne has a quote from one company for 10 lockers (\$24,000)

and 20 lockers (\$34,000). A suitable location would have to be found, with shelter from the weather and a power and internet connection. Matching funds could be sought. Jane will query the public library directors across the state to solicit information about and experiences with library lockers.

- Plans for National Library Week, April 4-9:
 - 4/4 Top 10 challenged books of 2021
 - 4/5 Library Workers Day
 - 4/6 Library Outreach Day (activities at our Story Walks and at the Literacy @ the Laundromat location)
 - 4/7 Library Advocacy Day –inviting local elected officials to drop in, and inviting FOL and Advisory Board members to come to chat with them about the value of the public library
- Regional Board meets March 17, 2022 here at Wilkes and via Zoom
- Next Local Board meeting: May 2, 2022

- Report of the County Librarian
 - See attached. Suzanne added that she is writing a Community Connection grant for money to publish another Veterans History Project book
- Arnold Lakey has joined the Library Endowment Committee.
 - Bill Davis and Casey Joe Johnson complimented Suzanne on her presentation to the Commissioners.
 - Aruna Rossi, the library's ASU Social Work Intern, reported briefly on the work she has been doing at the library.

- Report of the Director of Libraries
 - See attached. Jane reported that the Wilkes County Commissioners have approved the revised Interlocal Agreement, as well as the Ashe County Commissioners. Jane will take it to the Watauga County Commissioners as soon as possible and expects them to approve it as well. She reported that the Regional Board would be discussing masking in the library (currently required) and whether or not to continue to offer Emergency Paid Sick Leave for covid-related situations.

- Adjournment