

Wilkes County Library Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

Attendance: Becky Ball, Glenda Adams, Arnold Lakey, Janina Shoemaker, Martha Townes, Debbie Barrett, Lou Pendry, Doren Tripp, Jennifer Chatham, Camilla Lovette, Ola Norman

Virtual Attendance: Casey Joe Johnson

Absent: Ethan Brooks-Livingston

Chairperson **Jennifer Chatham** called the meeting to order.

Agenda > Becky motioned to approve > Glenda seconded the motion > all were in favor

May Minutes > Becky motioned to approve > Glenda seconded the motion > all were in favor

FOL Report: Ola noted that programming is expanding and attendance is growing at the Branch library. Deb spoke on behalf of Wilkes Friends and noted an increase in the Tuesday book sales. She also invited everyone to come out for the FOL's 50th Anniversary Reception at November's Book Sale.

Old Business: The board discussed filling a vacancy left by Brenda Dobbins. The decision was postponed, hoping to increase the pool of candidates. Brenda also left a vacancy on the regional board, and Glenda agreed to serve in this capacity. Suzanne asked board members to consider the need for a board secretary, also a former role of Brenda's.

Suzanne shared highlights from the community survey in response to reduced service hours and overwhelming disapproval of the county's budget reduction to the library. A presentation will be given to the county commissioners with feedback from the patron survey on October 21.

The library is holding an Open House to recognize the 25th Anniversary of its Building. Friends will provide refreshments, and there are special programs planned to take place throughout the day. There will also be a ribbon-cutting event, hosted by Wilkes Chamber of Commerce for an official reopening of the top-floor on September 19.

New Business: Reminders about regional meeting and next meeting dates

CL Report (see attached document)

Director Report (see attached document)

Finance Report (see attached document)

Meeting Adjourned > Arnold motioned > Becky seconded > All in favor