

**ASHE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD
ACPL COMMUNITY ROOM
January 8, 2024**

Attending: Kim Barnes, James Bumgarner, Doug Butler, Lisa Calhoun, Kyle Hall, Doug Faulkner, Karen Moll, Jan Noffsinger, Jacob Starks, Laura McPherson, Tammy Holston (via Zoom)

Absent: None

I. Call to order: Doug Butler called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

II. Additions, deletions, and approval of agenda: No amendments. Jan motioned, Lisa seconded, motion carried.

III. Approval of previous meeting's minutes: Will be approved at March 2024 meeting.

IV. Correspondence and communications: Received several letters about the Holiday Tea. Jan spoke with a patron prior to the meeting who was very pleased with the kit she had just picked up and was complimentary of the library in general.

V. Reports of standing committees

- A. Endowment: Jan reported on the progress of the Bucks for Books campaign and requested that members of the board help identify contacts for corporate sponsors.
- B. Building Enhancement: Kyle will continue to pursue funding from the NC Legislature. Kim recommends working with Ralph Hise's Legislative Assistant (Susan Fanning).

VI. Unfinished business: None

VII: New business:

- A. FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendments: Tammy reviewed financial updates since the last meeting. Please see reports on board page.
- B. Next Regional Board meeting: January 18, 2024, 1:00 p.m., at Ashe.
- C. Next Local Board meeting: March 11, 12:00 p.m., in the community room.

VIII: Other reports

- A. Report of the Friends of the Library President: Our first 2024 FOL meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 11:00 a.m., in the library's community room with FOL member Sandy Lassen who will share her expertise in all things genealogy.

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- B. Report of the Regional Director: Jacob Starks has been busy finding his way in all three counties while creating/updating policies and procedures for staff at each of the three counties. See report on board page for details.
- C. Report of the County Librarian: See report on board page for details. Discussed opportunities for the board to support library staff and initiatives:
 - a. The library hopes to have a storywalk installed in 2024 in another part of the county besides West Jefferson. Suggestions for likely locations are welcome.
 - b. The board discussed the issue of organizational use of library facilities marked by disruption of library activities, safety concerns, and unwillingness to cooperate with library policies. Board members shared expertise regarding medical practices, insurance, child development, and education and concerns regarding liability, safety, privacy, and adherence to library policy. Kyle requested information be sent by the CL to the ARL Governance Committee for review.

IX Adjournment: Kim motioned, Karen seconded, and the motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.