

York County Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes from
January 14, 2021
Fort Mill Library

The YCL board meeting was called to order by Chair Tamara Osborne. A quorum was determined with the following in attendance: Nik Bramblett and Joy Price in person; Debra Dahlin, Sally Goodson, Wendi Michael, Pam Cato, Frank Konow, and Charles Robinson via ZOOM. Also attending was Library Director Jason Hyatt and Friends of the Library President Terry Plumb (via ZOOM).

The meeting agenda and October minutes were approved. (Bramblett/Goodson) (Cato/Dahlin)

York County Library Board of Trustees Manuals, compiled by Joy Price and Sally Goodson, were distributed to each member.

Director's Reports

Budget

Financial reports from Lee Smith indicate some costs coming in lower than expected. Utilities projections may be figured differently in the future. Lee has received some early information from the County about budget prep that indicates proceeding under the current millage rate. No new positions will be added to staff. There are funds in reserve to cover any problems this might present.

Patchwork Tales

This year's event will be held 100% online. An artwork contest for teens will be held. Presentations by storytellers will be done on ZOOM and Facebook (archived for one week.) The billboard on I-77 will be revealed on January 15. "Take and Make" kits relating to the theme will be available at each library branch. The overall cost is much lower than previous years, due to not covering travel and hotel costs for storytellers. Future plans will include keeping some of this year's adaptations as viable additions to the program.

SORA

This is the program where students in the public schools can use their school ID to access digital holdings at the public library. The Fort Mill School District had 2,025 student users this past month and Clover School District had 516. Rock Hill School District has plans to register all their students. Director Hyatt pointed out that future allocation budgets will be affected with this new model of public library access, which enhances and expands our range of outreach, but does not replace traditional services.

Employee Handbook

Luanne James is looking at the current Employee Handbook to identify any policies written by previous personnel which are either out-of-line with York County policies or are outdated.

Building and Maintenance

The County is ready to begin replacement of the HVAC system at the Fort Mill branch. Director Hyatt reminded us that we have York County to thank for the complete funding of the HVAC project. The library will be closed from February 8-28. We are taking advantage of that closing to replace the carpet, put in the new service desk, change out the end panels on the shelves, and update the security camera. After these improvements, the Fort Mill Library branch will have completed all major repairs and updates and should be in great shape for the future.

Advocacy

During a State Library ZOOM meeting, Library Directors and Trustees were encouraged to contact their local State legislators about the importance of signing off on their budget requests. The State Library is working on talking points that will be shared with Public Library Directors. Jason will then share them with the Board.

New Business

None noted

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. (Cato/Dahlin)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021, at the Rock Hill branch.