

York County Library Board Meeting
November 14, 2024 Fort Mill Branch Library

The November meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Secretary Carol Herring, acting chair. It was determined we had a quorum.

Attending board members were: Dennis Getter, Carol Herring, Wendi Michael, Susan Piening, and Tim Steele. Also attending: Martin House (YCL) and Julie Ward (Director YCL).

Public comments were offered by three community members:

- 1) Lacey Lane spoke in opposition to the way the York County Library Board was being selected.
- 2) Holly Tichener opened with a personal statement regarding her love of reading and of the library. Her remarks urged parents to continue accepting responsibility for their children, as she has, particularly as York County requires parents to sign for library materials for their children.
- 3) Heather Jones is concerned for the future of the library in York County and referred to the York County Library website stating that the board is a policy-making body.

Wendi Michael was recognized by the board as she will be rotating off the board in December after eight years of service. She was praised by Julie Ward for her unique perspective as a school librarian. Wendi saw the board through some difficult times and has consistently been a supporter of the community.

The chair asked board members to read the October 16, 2024 minutes in the packet from the previous meeting. Dennis Getter moved the board accept the minutes, and Tim Steele seconded. They were approved unanimously.

Dennis Getter made a motion to nominate Tim Steele as chair for this position. Susan Piening seconded. There were no other nominations. Tim Steele was elected unanimously. He immediately assumed his duty and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Julie Ward reported that library use of physical material being checked out increased 64% over last year at this time. The virtual requests (on page four -- Ask A Librarian or renew a library card) were higher this month due to expiring library cards of patrons who received them during COVID for use with our virtual library.

Julie Ward also informed the board about the Genealogy Expo, an October event offered free to participants. It was held in the Kingsley Marriott ballroom, a space large enough for general meetings that can be divided into four rooms for various sessions and exhibits. This was partially funded by the Friends of York County Library with a \$12,500 donation. A donation was also received from an attendee. There were 225 participants from South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Dennis Getter presented the treasurer's report. Pam will be assuming financial duties in the library office. He noted two areas of overspending: 1) periodicals, an expense that will even out during the fiscal year; 2) staff development and travel due to the annual EAP and HR software invoices being paid in the same month.

Dennis Getter also reported on the policy committee that is now one member short. They are reviewing the collection development policy and will recommend changes next month.

The board had no unfinished business, no new business, and no need for an executive session.

Carol Herring made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dennis Getter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Tim Steele at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Herring, Secretary