

York County Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes from
June 11, 2020
Rock Hill Library

The YCL board online meeting was called to order by Chair Sally Goodson. A quorum was determined with the following in attendance: Nik Bramblett, Pam Cato, Debra Dahlin, Wendi Michael, Tamara Osborne, and Joy Price. Also present was Library Director Jason Hyatt.

The meeting agenda and May minutes were approved unanimously. (Bramblett/Cato) (Michael/Osborne)

Director's Reports:

Reopening Plans

Phase 2 is underway. Buildings are still closed to the public, but curbside pickup is working even more successfully than anticipated. About 20% of the staff are identified as vulnerable and are working remotely. The County advises flexibility for staff at this time.

Phase 3 will be instituted within a couple of weeks. There are physical changes to be made and specific policies to be accomplished before the public can be allowed back in the libraries. Administration and staff are working hard to get that done.

Statistics

A statewide decision has been made to keep separate statistics for the time since the state shutdown of public libraries was announced. New categories, such as curbside pickups, will be added. Staff development statistics will include online training sessions offered to staff through the State Library. These include a variety of skills, such as running book clubs, that staff will be able to employ immediately.

Budget Update

Suspension of fines and fees is the biggest financial difference directly related to COVID-19. There are no changes in most categories. Programming is now under-budget, but staff have been asked to consider how those savings could be spent for future programming. There will be an increase in income based on the higher than anticipated mil value. Library administration and the Financial Officer have created a list of five options for the use of that increase. The budget is very close to being approved by the York County Council. A motion to accept this updated budget was unanimously approved. (Bramblett/Michael)

Mural Mile Project Proposal:

Old Towne Rock Hill may be awarded a grant to have murals done on the sides of iconic city buildings by local artists. The York County Public Library has been approached to see if we would be interested in being included. Discussion was positive, with some concern for being included in the choice of subject.

Estate Bequest

A local resident has bequeathed a per cent of an IRA to be used to benefit the York County Library, Fort Mill branch. A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the process for receiving the bequest. (Bramblett/Dahlin)

Director's Annual Performance Appraisal

Jason Hyatt will forward his reflection on the State of the Library over the past year to each Trustee in a few days. A copy of the evaluation form was given to each member at the end of the meeting. Everyone is asked to return it by mail or email to Joy Price, Secretary, so that the evaluations can be compiled before the next meeting.

FY21 Board Meeting Schedule

A schedule for date and location of meetings for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was approved unanimously. (Cato/Osborne)

New Business

Board Officer Elections will be held at the July meeting. Each member should contact the Secretary as to which office(s) for which he/she would be willing to serve so that a ballot can be prepared for the meeting.

Board Member Tamara Osborne suggested that, in light that the ALA Conference will be virtual this year, the Library might purchase some spots for staff.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. (Michael/Osborne)

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2020, at the Rock Hill Library.