

York County Library Board of Trustees
Minutes from June 8, 2023 Meeting - Fort Mill

The YCL board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tamara Osborne, Board Chair. A quorum was determined with the following trustees in attendance: Pam Cato, Debra Dahlin, April Hershey, Charles Robinson, and Teleia White. Also present from YCL: Buffy Koran, Lee Smith, and Julie Ward.

The meeting agenda was approved. (Cato/Hershey)

The minutes from the May 18, 2023 meeting were approved. (White/Robinson)

Public Comments

Tamara Osborne, Board Chair, read the bylaws on public comments.

Diana Scimone, 375 Starlight Drive, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Board in favor of the Appeal of decision regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials stating that it is inappropriate to show obscene or pornographic material to children and all titles with obscene or pornographic material should be moved from the children's section.

Alice Brite, 2441 Marett Boulevard, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed the Board in favor of the Appeal of decision regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials providing examples of how to avoid banning books while giving adults the opportunity to choose.

Heather Jones, 2109 Bon Villa Way, Tega Cay, addressed the Board opposed to the Appeal of decision regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials stating librarians are trained to select materials for the library and parents are responsible to decide what books their own child can read but not all children who use the library.

Tenley Middleton, 702 Maple Hill Drive, Fort Mill, South Carolina, addressed the Board opposed to the Appeal of decision regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials stating that representation of all groups is important in allowing the development of empathy and removing titles creates discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

Appeal of decision regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials

Tamara Osborne, Board Chair, explained how the reconsideration process works. Advised this process is available to all citizens.

Linda Fischer, 334 Foxdale Court, Rock Hill, South Carolina, addressed the Board regarding her appeal: Stated she was there to discuss how YCL can better serve the community by reconsidering books she identified as discussing human sexuality. Stated these books should be shelved together. Stated that decisions should be made by the child's guardian to guide them and provide support. Favored moving books to one shelf in the library so they can be easily

found and used with intention. Provided suicide rates for LGBTQ youths and stated cause from castration and mastectomies of children.

FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment Request Discussion & Action

Lee Smith explained the decrease in expenses in Equipment Maintenance and Repair are from switching to a county approved vendor for copier and printer contract. This decrease will enable the library to match the county merit increase request of 3.5% for staff which will increase Salaries, FICA/Medicare, and Retirement/Death Benefit. This should be the final version of the FY 2023-2024 Budget unless there is an unexpected change in State Aid.

A motion was made and carried with all in favor to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment. (Cato/Dahlin)

Director's Report

Statistics: MIFI and WIFI usage is up, door counts are up, programs are back to pre-COVID levels.

Summer Learning Challenge: Began on Monday, June 5. There will be live programming in all branches.

New ILS: Working hard to go live on June 22 with fingers crossed for a successful transition. All YCL branches will be closed while offline so there will not be any ability to check out or in of materials. Catalog will change for users, but the new interface is user friendly and will allow patrons to track checkouts. There is also an app for Android and Iphone.

New Business

Buffy Koran reports that the Assistant Director posting closed June 3rd with approximately 10-12 applications received. Interviews will be conducted after July 1.

Executive Session

A motion was made and carried to move the meeting into Executive Session. (Robinson/White)

A motion was made and carried to move the meeting out of Executive Session. (Cato/Hershey)

Action resulting from Executive Session

A motion was made and carried with all in favor to deny the appeal regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials for *'Twas the Night Before Pride*. (Hershey/Cato)

A motion was made and carried with all in favor to deny the appeal regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials for *Pink, Blue, and You!*. (Dahlin/Cato)

A motion was made and carried with all in favor to deny the appeal regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials for *The Rainbow Parade*. (White/Cato)

A motion was made and carried with all in favor to deny the appeal regarding Reconsideration of Library Materials for *It Feels Good to Be Yourself*. (Robinson/Cato)

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