



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes

May 27, 2021

### In-Person Meeting

Board members attending: Mark Hudson, Chair, Commissioner Doug Bridges, Robin Brackett, Miranda Hyland, Elainie Conz. Not in attendance, Michelle Garey, Ann Royster.

Others attending: Rebecca Higgins (FOL representative), Wright Adams (Library Director), Sarah Edmonds, Brittany Jones, Meghan Blackburn.

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and started with introductions of everyone in attendance.

The board discussed minutes from the last two meetings. January minutes were not taken at the time of meeting so they were reconstructed by Mr. Adams and Mr. Hudson. A motion was made by Mr. Brackett with a second by Ms. Higgins to approve the January minutes. March minutes were discussed and a motion was made by Commissioner Bridges with a second by Mr. Brackett to approve the March minutes.

Director's Report: Mr. Adams provided updates including the rededication of the library and the name change to the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library, announced several new employees, and the expectation of filling 2 part time positions within the next week. The Assistant Director position will be posted mid-late June with the goal of having the position filled in July or August at the latest. He then had three of his staff report on updates within each of their departments. These included:

- Sarah Edmonds, Adult Services Manager, reported that the Financial Literacy program was presented virtually by Summit Credit Union in April, and that 27 people attended the in-person Star Wars Trivia night in May. Ms. Edmonds announced upcoming adult programs during the Summer Reading program throughout June and July. There will be a summer-long Bingo challenge with prizes from local businesses. Summer Reading Program calendars were distributed for reference.
- Meghan Blackburn, Technical Services Manager, gave a circulation report. Circulation numbers are not back to pre-COVID numbers yet, but are trending up. She expects to see the numbers rise this summer, especially with in-person programs being offered. The top circulating sections are 1. Adult fiction, 2. Adult non-fiction, and 3. Children's picture books. Ms. Blackburn described a "carousel" of current books from the catalog embedded on the library's new website. She announced that we are beginning to partner with the Community Library at the Ruby Hunt YMCA. This library is staffed by a part-time YMCA employee so there is not much time to manage or organize the collection so we will be helping them. Their collection currently houses about 14-15,000 items.
- Brittany Jones, Youth Services Manager, reported that in-person Story Time has resumed, and an average of 6 people are attending weekly. Ms. Jones highlighted programs for children and teens during Summer Reading program. These programs will

be hosted at the Eugenia H. Young branch, the Spangler branch, the Shelby City Park, the Boiling Springs Community Library at the YMCA, and online. Virtual programs have not had a high attendance rate, but families enjoy take-home kits. Ms. Jones also reported that she is updating the library's Wonder Boxes to have the best quality materials as possible.

Mr. Adams reported that the library will send out its first seasonal magazine in early June. The new Makerspace should be open by the end of July or first of August.

Friends of the Library: Ms. Higgins represented the Friends at today's meeting and noted that their newsletter has recently been sent out. The Friends' annual meeting is scheduled for October 16 with Cassandra King. Their next meeting is June 1 at 11am at the Eugenia H. Young Memorial Library. Ms. Higgins emphasized that she wishes for the library to look at any donations first before the Friends use them for their sales.

Old business: There was no old business to discuss.

New business: Mr. Adams presented a mock-up of a logo for the advisory board, created by library staff member Stephanie Marson, with the goal of identifying the board as an entity in the library system. If approved, this logo would be posted on the library's new website which will go live on June 14. A motion was made by Ms. Higgins to accept the proposed logo, and was seconded by Ms. Hyland. Mr. Adams requested that a small Engagement Committee consisting of a few board members be formed to reach out to businesses and encourage them to use the library's resources. Mr. Hudson agreed with the importance of community engagement, and board members will consider forming this committee.

Mr. Hudson expressed that board member roles are rotating out and that they are searching for good talent who are interested in the library and its services to join their team. The board's year starts July 1, so they are looking to fill positions such as a secretary. The board plans to reorganize and restructure their roles and will discuss more during their July meeting.

Ms. Hyland requested Summer Reading materials for the Little Free Libraries and U-Can program with which she is involved. She shared information on Little Free Libraries and how to start one for those interested.

With the idea of "Story Walks" in mind, Commissioner Bridges presented the idea of setting up a history trail uptown to inform people of how Cleveland County got to where it is today. The goal of this would be to present accurate information during this time in our country when issues are arising and need to be addressed with facts, and to position our history in a fair and balanced way to include local monuments. Mr. Adams will discuss this idea with the County and the Earl Scruggs Center. Ms. Higgins said she and the Daughters of the American Revolution are willing to be involved.

Ms. Conz expressed the importance of social media in gaining customers and encouraged us to be more active on the library's social media accounts to stay engaged with the community and share our programs and available resources.

Mr. Hudson concluded the meeting by thanking the board and the library staff. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.