

DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

November 18, 2021

Davie County Public Library Multipurpose Room

PRESENT: Regina Graham, Lisa Nielsen, Carole Demmy, Julie Dillon, Khristen Mears, Derrick Wold, Executive Director

ABSENT: Steven Corriher, Chris Hazlip (notified us by email)

The meeting was called to order by Lisa, chair.

Julie Dillon, newly appointed trustee, was welcomed by the board.

Dr. Graham moved and Khristen seconded the motion to approve the September 2021 minutes as emailed.

Motion passed.

Reports of the Library Director

Derrick shared that he and Beth have moved to Mocksville and are enjoying their new neighborhood.

Operations Report:

- A Transgender Awareness display was moved to a less conspicuous place due to parental complaints.
- Tutor.com: Usage is over 500. Opportunity for renewal will be soon. Derrick is trying to get in touch with a person with Davie County Schools to see if there is still interest in participating.
- ADAPTS Grant was received in the amount of almost \$45,000 for the remote lockers for Bermuda Run. Due to a microchip shortage, the lockers have not been delivered. The hope is that they will arrive by the end of the year.
- Derrick is working with Wendy Horne, editor of Davie Life, on banners of Davie County scenes to cover the machines to make them more attractive. In addition, volunteers from the area are being sought to assist patrons.
- EFC Grant applications open on 9/28. Planning for 25 Chromebooks and 25 hotspots for broadband access.
- The County unanimously approved the Library's plan for being fine-free. It was noted that it cost more to process fines than was brought in via fine money.

Staff Report:

- COVID update – most staff have had booster shots. Still masked and sanitizing.
- There are two open positions. The possibility of combining the 15 hr. and 10 hr. to a 25 hr position, making it more attractive to applicants, will be proposed to the County.
- Pay raises were given to County employees. Also, as compensation for dedication, loyalty and hard work during COVID crisis, the County is giving employees a bonus.

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Budget:

- Tutor.com – renewal is coming due.
- Newsbank.com won't be renewed. It hasn't been used enough to warrant the contract.
- Fine Free procedures: call-in for renewal will be permitted for one time. Once the book is returned, the patron's account will be cleared. Derrick will check on the possibility of general renewal on-line.
- The staff is still clearing accounts of fines accumulated since March 2020.

Reports of Committees: Derrick reached the Friends president. The president's plan is to try to organize all the donated books and to investigate the idea of reinstating the book sale for 2022.

New Business:

Brainstorming is going on for ways to make the present facility more conducive for use by young people. The courtyard capital improvement is on hold. Derrick submitted a request for capital improvements to make the facility more ADA compliant.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be January 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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