

**ANDERSON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 4, 2024 | 5:30 pm | Meeting Room BC**

**Present:** Chair Wendy Tucker, Sara Crocker, Nicole Davenport, Angela Dixon, Jimmy Johnson, Albert “Howie” Howard [via Zoom], Frances Saville, Elaine Stoll

**Absent:** Pinkey Rinnix

**Staff Present:** Annie Sutton, Library Director; Jane Cornelius, Head of Finance; Miranda White, Administrative Assistant

**Also Present:** Eleanor Walters, Friends Vice-Chair; Ken Meadows and Emily Ray, auditors

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Tucker called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**INVOCATION**

Angela Dixon gave the invocation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jimmy Johnson motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2024, as written. Angela Dixon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was heard as follows:

1. Jane Massey, Dist 4 – Freedom to read; against removal or moving of books
2. Steve Mears, Dist 5 – Representation in collection; intellectual freedom
3. Mona Fleming, Dist 4 – Diverse collection; intellectual freedom; special interest groups
4. Stephanie Patterson, Dist 1 – Library’s Hurricane Helene response; invocations
5. Andrew Cannon, Dist 1 –Repercussions of decisions; Ex. School kids unable to access online books
6. Dr. Ernest E. Mackins, Dist 5 – Parental oversight; banning books

**AUDIT REPORT**

Auditors Ken Meadows and Emily Ray of Greene Finney Cauley, LLC presented the FY23-24 audit for the Library. The Library received an unmodified opinion, which is the best opinion possible. Auditors reported that the Library is in very good financial condition overall. Nicole Davenport moved for the approval of the 23-24 audit report. Jimmy Johnson seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**FRIENDS REPORT**

Friends Vice-Chair, Eleanor Walters, reported on the new Belton Story Walk, the Friends Book Store and Gift Shop sales and donations, and the Annual Friends Luncheon on October 26.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Financial Report: Jane Cornelius presented the financial report for month ending October 30, 2024. The Library is in good shape and under budget. County funds have not yet been received.

Amended Budget FY24-25 [Action]: Director Sutton and Jane Cornelius presented the amendments to the FY24-25 Budget. After discussion, Elaine Stoll moved to approve the FY24-25 Amended Budget and Sara Crocker seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Capital Projects Update: The Iva Branch is on track for completion in mid-March. Furniture will be ordered soon. Director Sutton presented two options for a new Bookmobile. The new vehicle will hold a smaller collection but can be used for outreach and events as well.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2025 Holiday Schedule [Action]: Sara Crocker moved to approve the Library's 2025 Holiday Schedule and Elaine Stoll seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Facilities Update: Director Sutton reported on minor damages caused by Hurricane Helene, and the Library's response in providing a space for the community to access Wi-Fi, power, and air. FEMA has set up a Disaster Recovery Center at the Main Library and have helped over 1,900 people so far. The sign outside of the Powdersville Branch Library was destroyed in a recent traffic accident and will be fixed by the County.

Landscape improvements for the Main Library and Belton will come out of the capital budget. Final approval for the book vending machine has been received. The machine will be placed at the Food Lion on Hwy 24 in Anderson and include a variety of items from the existing collection and leased books.

Marketing/Programming Update: Director Sutton gave an update on recent marketing projects and upcoming events, including a very successful Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, and the launch of the Library's new website at the end of October.

Director Sutton thanked the Board Members who came to the Fall Meet & Greet last week. Staff Day is Friday, December 6. Board Members will receive an invite for lunch with the staff.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Committee to Review Library Policy [Action]: Chair Tucker proposed the appointment of a special committee to take a deeper look into SC Proviso 27.1 and whether the Library's policies are in compliance. Those appointed to the special committee were Sara Crocker, Howie Howard, and Angela Dixon as Committee Chair. Director Sutton and Chair Tucker, as ex-officio, were also included in the committee. After discussion, Jimmy Johnson made a motion for the approval of the special committee. Sara Crocker seconded. The motion passed with Sara Crocker, Angela Dixon, Howie Howard [via Zoom], Jimmy Johnson, and Wendy Tucker voting in favor; and Nicole Davenport, Frances Saville, and Elaine Stoll voting against.

Bylaw Review – January meeting: Chair Tucker asked Board Members to review the Board Bylaws for the January meeting.

-----10-minute break-----

State Library Training: State Library Director, Leesa Aiken, and Tiffany Hayes, Library Development Director for the State Library, provided in-person training for Board Members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tucker asked for a motion to adjourn. Jimmy Johnson so moved, and Sara Crocker seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Crocker  
Board Secretary/Treasurer