

Minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting of the Oconee Library Board of Trustees  
4:30 p.m. Bogart Library  
Bogart, Georgia

Present: Val Bell, Donna Butler, Mark Campbell, Deann Craft, Susan Curtis, Mike Eddy, Laura French, Cara Karnes, Jean Mead, Penny Mills, Susan Winstead, and Robert Wyatt

Excused: Rubielen Norris, Dave Shearon

Robert called the meeting to order at 4:35 stating that a quorum was present. He asked for approval of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Mark moved that they be approved, Penny seconded the motion. Robert noted that Lee Becker was filming the meeting. Robert asked Mark if the more appropriate term for a retention pond was detention pond. Mark chuckled and agreed that detention more accurately described its function.

Cara gave the Branch Manager's Report. The Bogart Library reopened on the first day of spring break with a puppet program for 75 attendees. Everyone is thrilled with the new facility. In Watkinsville, the Oconee Library celebrated the Holi Festival of Colors on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Jody Hice visited the library on March 20<sup>th</sup> to meet with Val, Jean and Cara. He was surprised to learn that adult material circulation was higher than children's. Robert asked if the Congressman said anything about federal funding for a new library. Cara replied that he did not.

Jean gave the Regional Report. She was pleased to note that the Public Library Service budget passed both the House and the Senate and is awaiting Governor Kemp's signature. She explained that the PINES system was updated over the MLK weekend to allow for text notifications from branch libraries and other upgrades. The Regional Board will be reviewing the findings of the Agreed upon Procedures audit conducted by Terry Masters. In addition to the Bogart reopening, the Winterville Branch had a reopening ceremony on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked everyone who helped both the Bogart and Winterville Libraries prepare for their reopening ceremonies. Jean was accepted into the Public Library Association Leadership Academy. She was the only librarian from the state to be so honored. She will be working on a proposal for a materials delivery service. She sees it being of interest to rural patrons and teens who cannot yet drive, among others.

Val reviewed the financials. She noted that the per cent of the budget expended at this point should be 75 per cent. Most budget lines reflect that level. There will be a budget meeting on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:20 with representatives of the Board of Commissioners. Mark asked about the remaining funds from the Bogart construction project. Val explained that not all furniture has been purchased. She expects the remaining funds will be spent in the next couple of months.

Donna gave the Bogart Friends of the Library report. She explained that the Friends hosted the reopening celebration, including funding the refreshments. She was very pleased with their support. Penny spoke about the activities of the Watkinsville Friends group including preparing for the Family Fun Day on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the task of sorting donations for the fall book sale.

Donations have been so generous that the Friends removed the sign in front of the library soliciting additional donations.

Under Old Business Donna reported she had no other news. Robert said that he very much regretted that Dave Shearon could not attend this meeting as Robert had hoped for an update on planning for the new Oconee County Library. He noted that \$1.9 million was allocated in the state budget. Mark asked if there was a specific time frame to spend those funds and what criteria applied. Robert replied that the funds would not be used to purchase land. He explained that the City of Watkinsville and the Board of Commissioners are working to identify a parcel of land for this purpose. Robert hopes to hear more about this soon, certainly before the July meeting.

Under New Business Cara announced that letters outlining the proposed FY20 budget have gone to the City of Watkinsville and the Board of Commissioners. She noted that the City of Bogart is on a different fiscal year.

The next meeting will be Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Watkinsville Library at 4:30.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Curtis