

Richmond County Public Library

Minutes-December 10, 2007

Members present:

Berniece Myers, Chairperson
Sally King, Vice-Chairperson
Tommy Neuman

Also present:

Melanie Wick, College Librarian
Felicia Purdey, Librarian
Becky Marks, FOL President
Linda Taylor

B. Myers called meeting to order at 4:01pm and welcomed everyone.

Due to time constraints, the Big Drawing was discussed first. The drawing will be held Monday, December 17, at 5pm in the library. F. Purdey is to check with Tom Martin concerning a large check prop, so photos can be taken for the newspaper.

B. Myers called for a review of the November 12th minutes. The minutes stood approved as presented.

B. Myers called for the Budget report. L. Taylor reviewed the updated excel sheet and noted receipt of the second state aid check, M. Wick completed the necessary paperwork for the Town of Warsaw and those funds would be available soon. B. Marks would speak with Robin Perks, the FOL Treasurer, about the FOL's contribution. The Budget report was approved as presented.

The board had been notified via letter from the Richmond County Board of Supervisors requesting the FY2008-2009 budget request by January 11, 2008. M. Wick would work with members to complete this task.

Concerning state aid, notification of a 4% reduction had been received which amounts to a loss of \$944.00. We are currently expecting 22,665.00, but are aware that we could experience even more loss as the legislature strives to balance the budget.

B. Myers called for Old Business. F. Purdey noted successful Halloween events where children received story time, books and apples. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be with us on December 19th from 4pm-6pm. Children will have an opportunity to share with Santa their Christmas wishes and receive an autographed book. The college marquee will be available to help with advertising and notices have been taken to the elementary school. F. Purdey noted that Joan Winter would not be available to assist with monthly events; Felicia would be seeking other options. Currently she is working on tagging the children's books for the Reading Counts program. When completed, she would like to host a Family Day @ the Library, including a speaker encouraging the importance of reading. It was suggested that the speaker could be someone from the legislation and coincide with the budget hearing.

B. Myers noted the Signage request was still in the works, and hopefully we will hear soon.

B. Myers called for New Business. A letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting approval of the following citizens to serve as Trustees has been submitted: Mercer O'Hara, Margaret Kurtz, and Ed Marks. As soon as notification of approval has been received, these citizens will be contacted and hopefully able to attend our next meeting.

B. Myers expressed a desire to review parts of the Trustee handbook at each meeting. There is a need to form a committee to review the Long Range Plan.

B. Myers also announced her future plans to be moving to Maryland with her husband Ken. She will continue to serve until this happens. While members wished her only the best, it was acknowledged she will be sorely missed.

M. Wick noted some personnel changes in the library. Ruth Lynn's last day of employment would be December 13. Kimberly Johnson would be her replacement and Jessica Lynn would be filling the Success Lab position for 20 hours. As far as the Dean of Learning Resources position, for the first round of applications only 4 were received and were not acceptable. Advertising for the position will be broadened.

L. Taylor wanted to acknowledge to members, all the hard work Melanie had been performing in order to ensure compliance with request from the Library of Virginia. M. Wick is a valuable leader for the library.

T. Neuman asked that members strive to sell as many Big Drawing tickets as possible before the drawing on the 17th.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.