

Richmond County Public Library  
Minutes – March 11, 2014

Members present: Ed Marks, Chairman  
Margaret Kurtz, Finance  
Gywnne Tayloe  
Dayle Collins, Vice-Chairman  
Mercer O'Hara  
Ed Ramsey

Also present: Dan Ream, Ruth Lynn, Linda Taylor

E. Marks called meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes – M. Kurtz moved to accept the February 11, 2014 minutes as presented with a spelling correction for the word transfer. D. Collins seconded. Motion carried.

Two trustees' terms expire in June. Walter Ball agreed to a second term. Ed Ramsey was asked to consider reappointment.

Trustee Bone via email shared concerns as to whether or not she could continue serving due personal responsibilities. Per the boards' wishes, M. Kurtz will contact D. Bone to determine if any accommodations could be offered as they valued her service.

Report of the Finance Committee- M. Kurtz reported a beginning balance of \$47, 591.23; deposit of \$150.00; disbursements of \$20,580.75; and an ending balance of \$27,162.46. E. Ramsey moved to accept the finance report. Mercer O'Hara seconded. Motion carried.

The Town Council visit is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, with 18 people being anticipated. Tentative plans are to meet at 5:30, touring the library and then a boxed dinner courtesy of D. Collins from the Daily restaurant. M. O'Hara and M. Kurtz will provide cookies and other needed items.

Library signage – D. Ream personally put up the parking lot signs and is awaiting two other signs to be placed. Also, he is waiting to hear from Barbour printing concerning the other signage order.

Concerning the upcoming Richmond County Board of Supervisors budget hearing, D. Ream noted he would be attending the hearing and welcomed anyone who could attend to demonstrate their support. Documents to be distributed to the supervisors and town council were shared. An increase of nearly 19% is being requested, due to failure to comply with the Library of Virginia's state aid funding requirements. The state library board is scheduled to meet in June to determine if another waiver would be granted.

D. Ream discussed his plan to visit 12 area high school librarians and share library resources.

Outreach report – R. Lynn continues her outreach programs and noted an increase in story hour attendance. The library partnered with the college and presented a Black History month event. The library will continue supporting the Warsaw Main Street Revitalization program. May 3 event will be held at the town park with the R. Lynn providing a table of free books to children and a simple craft. Upcoming events include March 29 with Mike Klee and his magic AG program; on April 12, cartoonist, Jamie Cosley will be present tips and techniques for creating comic characters; and on April 16 in celebration of National Library Week, the library will host a RCC Staff Pound Cake Bake-Off.

For the Friends of the Library, Jane Kemper reported the Thalhimer's event was wonderful. Unfortunately guest, Elizabeth Thalhimer Smartt had taken ill and was unable to attend. However, plans for Ms. Smartt to visit are underway. On behalf of the Friends and their bookstore, a delicious cake was delivered to Union Bank in appreciation for their Main Street facility usage. Jane noted the May annual meeting would feature author, Virnell Bruce who will discuss the life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

It was noted that staff would be hosting a meet the author event on April 26 for local resident Mortimer Payne who has published a collection of short stories. Plans are underway to offer this type of event to other local authors.

The next scheduled meeting is April 8, 2014.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Taylor