



Allendale County Library Board

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

5:00 PM

AGENDA

Welcome

Introductions – New board members, New branch manager, Abigail Barna-Ashley

Approval of minutes

Director's Report

Branch Manager's Report

Old Business

New Business

DTC side of building; not being used. Appropriations – county late; Friends Group;
Strategic Planning

Announcements

Adjournment



ALLENDALE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

5:00 PM

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MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 5:105 p.m. by the chair, Frances Chavous. Trustees in attendance were Suzanne Goodson, Frances Chavous, chair, Artheen Fitts, Bess Strong, branch manager and Carolyn Fortson, regional director.

INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone introduced themselves as well as the new regional director, Carolyn Fortson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the July 15, 2021 teleconference meeting were accepted and approved.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Bess Strong, branch manager talked about the recent library activities. She gave an overview for the four-week computer class that had 11 participants, and each received a flash drive and an award for completing the class. The Allendale County Library hosted a laptop giveaway that was sponsored by AARP. There were 2 classes with a total of 34 attendees. Summer Reading began June 7th and ended July 19. The library hosted nine (9) programs. Total attendance at the programs were about 200 children. The library will be participating in the SC Humanities Festival in September. There will be a Scavenger Hunt in the SC Room that will allow participants to search for about 10 questions pertaining to the Allendale people and places. The library is also hosting a Carolina Theater show called "Gloriously Gatsby" which highlights the Roaring 20's era and Women's Rights.

ARPA funds: The library was able to purchase 7 new AWE computers for children, 7 laptops plus a cart to charge and store the devices, A Cricut machine and a 70" interactive "Smart" monitor for all computer tasks as well as the Internet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn Fortson, regional director gave an overview of regional activities: How the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant was being spent for each county. Gave highlights from the Summer Reading Program, discussed the library's overall budget, and talked about the Bookmobile repairs that kept the bookmobile in the shop most of the summer. Planning for the fall Staff In-Service are underway. The managers are scheduled to visit the SC State Library in Columbia on Wednesday, August 31 to tour and learn about the services they offer to public libraries.

OLD BUSINESS:

The regional director talked about the issues that were impacting the Jasper County Library Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Landscaping: The regional director shared her concerns about the condition of the library's landscaping. The grounds lack the attention that is needed especially during the summer months. It was recommended to speak with Teresa Taylor, county council liaison for assistance on next steps.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:00 PM. May need to meet remotely by Zoom.

Respectively submitted,
Carolyn Fortson, Regional Director
December 1, 2022