

Hampton County Library Board Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Estill Public Library

In attendance: M. Sumter, chair; D. Winn, E. Wiles, J. Yeisley, C. Fortson, regional director

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes presented from the January 26, 2023 meeting. Minutes will hopefully be approved at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

This report was given by Dawn Winn. There was discussion regarding the Oattie Lay Memorial Fund and whether we should and can use those funds if needed. Trustee Wiles spoke with a lawyer and learned that we can use those funds if needed. We need to change the name to a current board member on the deposit box.

Library Report

Joy gave the report for the Estill Public Library. Stats were given and summer programs were discussed.

Director's Report

-Hopefully the new Courier will be on board soon.

-SC Lends is migrating to a new ILS system, SIRSI. Trainings are underway across the state for all staff.

-The 2023-2024 budget is still being developed and will be presented to the Regional Board meeting in July for approvals. Hampton's 4th quarter appropriation has not been received yet. There is serious concern regarding the financial situation with Hampton County.

-Summer Reading plans are underway. Incentives have been ordered. Staff t-shirts have been ordered as well.

-The Staff Fall In-Service was held on Friday, March 24, at the Hampton County Library. The theme was "Safety First." Everyone received a small First Aid Kit.

Friends Group-We are working closely with Jasper, Pratt, and the State library to redevelop.

Old Business

-Ann Dimond has resigned her position on the board.

-There are currently only five board members. There should be nine.

-Chairwoman Sumter stated that she has presented to the Hampton Co. Council asking for

approval to bring on four new board members. She is having a hard time getting the new applicants approved.

New Business

Director Fortson asked for approval to close the Estill Public Library on Saturday, April 29th for the carpet to be cleaned. The board approved this request.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws: Director Fortson has drafted an updated document but needs to complete the Financial Policies. The board will review and possibly approve the updated By-Laws at the July meeting.

Friends of the Library: Director Fortson will have an update at the July meeting.

Memorial: No report.

Membership: Chairwoman Sumter stated that she has presented to the Hampton Co. Council asking for approval to bring on four new board members. She is having a hard time getting the new applicants approved.

Chairwoman Sumter made a motion to adjourn. Winn seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

~Next meeting **July 27, 2023 @ 5 PM at the Hampton County Library.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Fortson, Regional Director
May 24, 2023