



ALLENDALE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Allendale County Library

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 5:07 p.m. by the chair, Frances Chavous. Trustees in attendance were Frances Chavous, chair, Artheen Fitts, LaRainia Carter, Vermelle Davis, Lewis Mitchell, Willa Jennings (County Council), Teresa Taylor (County Council), Abigail Barna-Ashley, branch manager and Carolyn Fortson, regional director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the April 2, 2024 meeting were approved unanimously.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Abigail Barna-Ashley Barna, branch manager, presented everyone with a handout that listed ongoing programs and projects, Upcoming programs and Partnerships/Outreach activities from the past quarter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn Fortson, regional director presented an update on the county appropriations. Allendale is still late on sending in the quarterly funds. Carolyn communicates regularly with the county administrator and accounts payable clerk. Everyone received a copy of the latest budget. State Aid funds are on track for complete expenditures by the beginning of June.

Carolyn gave an overview of regional activities: the updated website launched on April 1. She has been busy with the Pratt Renovation Project (Jasper County).

OLD BUSINESS:

DTC Area –Councilwoman Jennings asked about Denmark Tech side of the building. There was a discussion about uses for the building that can benefit the community since there are anticipated new businesses moving into the area. At the very least, the area could also be used to extend library services as well.

Friends Group – Carolyn reported that it would be great to re-establish a Friends group for the Allendale Library. She shared that Pratt Memorial Library has a regularly active group and that the Hardeeville Library is making progress on re-establishing their Friends group. Carolyn will place flyers at the service desk and see how the response goes. This was done for Hardeeville, and it was

a success. They currently have about 8-15 volunteers working to make the group 503c non-profit organization.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no new business discussions.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Carolyn Fortson, Regional Director
June 12, 2024