



ALLENDALE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Allendale County Library

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 5:10 p.m. by the chair, Frances Chavous. Trustees in attendance were Frances Chavous, chair, Artheen Fitts, LaRainia Carter, Vermelle Davis, Abigail Barna-Ashley, branch manager and Carolyn Fortson, regional director. Charles Carlson had an approved absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Fitts made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2 meeting. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none were opposed. The minutes were approved.

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.

Friends Group – Abigail reported that she will be creating a flyer to place at the service desk and will provide updates going forward.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Appropriations Update:

Carolyn Fortson, regional director presented an update on the county appropriations. Allendale is still late on sending in the quarterly funds. She was told by the county administrator that there was not timeline available to indicate when we might receive the final appropriation. Director Fortson stated that she met with Ms. Lewis about increasing county appropriations for FY2025. Ms. Lewis stated that she would ask for an increase of \$15,000. Director Fortson asked for \$20,000 in the budget request letter she was asked to submit to Ms. Lewis. Ms. Fortson asked if she could present to the Council, but Ms. Lewis stated that she would make the presentation on the library's behalf. After a brief discussion, Board Chair, Chavous, suggested that Director Fortson contact the Council and ask to present at the final budget hearing.

State Aid Update:

All trustees received a copy of Allendale's latest budget. State Aid funds are on track to complete expenditures by the end of June. FY25 budget is in preparation.

Carolyn gave an overview of regional activities: the updated website launched on April 1, the Pratt Renovation Project (Jasper County) is moving slowly; temporary location has been purchased by the County and move-in date is tentatively scheduled for September/October. Director Fortson shared that three proposals had been presented to the regional board last week that were approved for funding contingent upon funds for FY25-legislative state aid: Hoopla -e-resource; Print Management -computer registration and printing, and the purchase of a new van-to replace the white 2007 van used by the courier.

OLD BUSINESS:

DTC Area – no discussion.

Friends Group - Abigail will be providing updates in her report going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Carolyn Fortson, Regional Director
August 5, 2024