



ALLENDALE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

5:00 PM

Allendale County Library

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 5:02 p.m. by the chair, Frances Chavous. Trustees in attendance were Frances Chavous, chair, Vermelle Davis, and Abigail Barna-Ashley, Branch Manager and Interim Regional Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Abigail Barna-Ashley presented the trustees in attendance with a handout listing ongoing programs and projects, upcoming programs, and Partnerships/Outreach activities from the past quarter.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Abigail Barna Ashley presented an update regarding the resignation of Carolyn Fortson. Abigail Barna-Ashley is serving as interim regional director while the AHJ Regional Board searches for a permanent director. Abigail reviewed the procedure for bad weather due to impending hurricanes. All AHJ Regional Libraries will follow the lead of county school districts.

OLD BUSINESS:

DTC Area – Abigail Barna-Ashley informed the board that the DTC Area has ben utilized with classes taking place daily. These classes are for students participating in an apprenticeship program for the Savannah River Site.

Friends Group – An initial interest meeting was scheduled for September but was candled due to the storm. With Abigail Barna-Ashley serving as both Interim Regional Director and Allendale County Library Branch Manager, developing a Friends Group is not a top priority. This task will be picked up in the next calendar year.

Appropriation / State Aid / Budget – Abigail Barna-Ashley shared that Allendale County has not paid their first quarter payment but has been following up to ensure payment is received and staff can be paid. First quarter State Aid has also yet to be received. Abigail Barna-Ashley presented the budget for the July 2024 – June 2025 Fiscal Year. The budget is being reviewed and should be approved by the Regional Board at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Building Maintenance – Abigail Barna-Ashley discussed someone the issues with building maintenance at the Allendale County Library. The primary concern is the HVAC system that has not been repaired despite continual Work Order Submissions to the county beginning back in May 2024. Trustee Chavous shared that Abigail Barna-Ashley should attend an upcoming County Council meeting to express library needs. Abigail Barna-Ashley agreed and plans on attending the next Allendale County Council meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Abigail Barna-Ashley, Interim Regional Director
January 3, 2025