



City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road
Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Library Commission Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2017

6:00 P.M.

City Hall

ATTENDANCE: Donna Morgan, Co-Chair, Tammy Sollenberger, Bonnie Porter Keyes

ABSENT: Frances Thomas, Sherrie Kuzian (both excused)

COMMISSIONER LIAISON: Mary Stilwell (absent/excused)

STAFF: Pamela Bellina, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Donna Morgan called the regular monthly meeting of the Library Commission to order at 5:58 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion was made by Bonnie Keyes and seconded by Tammy Sollenberger to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 3 - 0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tammy Sollenberger and seconded by Bonnie Keyes to accept the February 13, 2017 minutes as written.

Vote: 3 - 0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT ~ none.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Meet the Author ~ recap

The members agreed the Meet the Author event featuring Howie Franklin went very well and they had more attendees than for past Meet the Author events. Howie also sold quite a few books at the event.

b. Book Sale @ Spring Fling

Tammy stated there are approximately 200 books upstairs that can be sold at the event. Tammy asked Donna to follow up about possibly donating some of the 200 books to Thriftbooks. Donna reminded the members there are specific guidelines on the books they will accept and they need to be on a pallet and shrink wrapped. The committee discussed asking either a local Boy Scout troop or perhaps the Key Club at the High School to see if they can help in getting the books on the pallet and shrink-wrapping them. Tammy also suggested large print books and the books that cannot be donated to the prison go to local nursing homes. Donna mentioned she would be out of town for the Spring Fling event.

c. Donation of books to Prison

Bonnie asked to table this matter to the May meeting.

d. Small Fry Fishing Contest

Tammy met with Allison at the Police Department to discuss the committee's participation at the event. Allison advised the children will be 12 years of age and younger, there will be approximately 100 children and 300 attendees. There will be free Papa John's pizza for the participants. Set up is 8:00 AM to 12:30 and fishing will be from 9:00 to 11:30, then pizza from 11:30 to 12:30. There will be a deejay playing music. Allison reserved a table for the committee and to let her know if more are needed. Allison suggested they bring their tent since they had inclement weather in the past.

Tammy suggested giving away the basket of books they have in the library at the event. They are small books and would be good giveaways for the children. Donna suggested bringing the green bags so the kids can put their books in them. Since parents will also attend, the committee is considering bringing some of the book sale books. The donation jar will be displayed if anyone wants to make a donation. Bonnie will ask the Coast Guard if they could bring the boat and information for the children.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Book Purchases and/or Book Donations

The members had a book-buying workshop instead of a meeting last month and purchased approximately 20 new books, including children's books, for the library. Tammy has the new

books prominently displayed in the library on bookstands. Bonnie purchased for the library *The Night Sky* that is a children's book about planets and stars. Bonnie also received a donation from Frank Amoroso of his new book *Wopper Vol. 1 Pigtown* that is about Babe Ruth. Mr. Amoroso autographed the book. Minecraft books were donated and are currently on loan to the Community Center, which fall under the age group books they needed.

Bonnie advised she sent out thank you notes to Howie Franklin for his participation in the Meet the Author event and to Officer John Thomas and Robert Johns for their donation of books.

b. Expenditures

Tammy suggested the committee purchase a table for use at events. She will research prices. Sherrie provided the committee with a receipt for \$135.40 for lumber used to build the shelving in the storage unit to hold the large donation of books. Sherrie offered to donate \$35 of the lumber to the committee and wished to be reimbursed \$100.00. Her son-in-law built the shelving for the committee.

A Motion was made by Tammy Sollenberger and seconded by Bonnie Keyes to reimburse Sherrie Kuzian up to \$135.40 for the purchase of the lumber for the storage unit shelving.

Vote: 3 – 0

Bonnie will seek reimbursement of the \$9.90 she spent on *The Night Sky* book and will purchase the additional weights for the tent.

The members also discussed whether any funds remaining in their budget could be moved into their capital fund. They remembered a discussion about it but could not remember if it was allowed by permission of the Board of Commissioners. The members asked Pamela to ask the City Manager and to please check the minutes.

c. Library reorganization

Tammy advised the committee she has been working in the library pulling non-fiction books from 2004 and earlier and in the fiction section, she has been pulling 2009 and earlier. She has not yet touched the biographies but suggested the committee purchase a few new biographies for the library. Tammy will make more room in that section. The members discussed whittling down the cookbook section and Bonnie reminded Tammy not to remove the cookbooks donated by the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary to the library. Tammy said she would be shelving the children's books instead of displaying them since they received the large donation of children's books from Sherrie and Officer John Thomas.

d. Reading Coffee Klatch

Tammy was trying to come up with more ways to bring awareness to the library and suggested hosting a day to invite residents to City Hall for a cup of coffee and to sit and read a book or discuss books. The members agreed to table this matter to the May meeting.

e. Future Meet the Author Events

Donna suggested an author she has recently been in touch with by the name of Carol Cini. Mr. Cini wrote a book called *The Spy and His CIA Brat*. Donna explained that his father was a CIA agent and his mother was French. He is retired from a government agency and now lives in Southport. The book is about Mr. Cini's life as the son of a CIA agent, his travels, experiences and unique adventures including several dangerous episodes that nearly cost him his life.

Bonnie also suggested another local author, Martha Peterson, who was also a CIA agent who wrote a book called *The Widow Spy*. Her book is a first-hand account of a true Cold War spy operation in Moscow.

The members discussed the date for the next Meet the Author event hoping to get Carol Cini as the next author. They decided on early June, before school gets out and summer vacations start. Donna will contact Mr. Cini to check his availability and willingness to speak at the event about his book. They considered September for the following Meet the Author event and hope to have Martha Peterson speak.

The members discussed putting a thank you note in the Letter to the Editor section of the *State Port Pilot* thanking the authors who have previously appeared and hope to be able to mention Mr. Cini as their next author event. Donna will start to prepare the thank you letter to the editor.

f. Donations (monetary)

Donations were received from two residents who wanted papers notarized and, although the City does not charge for this service, wanted to pay something. The residents made donations to the Library Commission. Phil Stacey made a \$10 donation and Eli Garner made a \$5 donation. The members discussed where they wanted the donations deposited, either into their budget or into their capital fund.

A Motion was made by Bonnie Keyes and seconded by Tammy Sollenberger to deposit the donations received from Phil Stacey and Eli Garner into their capital fund.

Vote: 3 - 0

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tammy announced that the BOC would be holding their first budget workshop on April 21 at 9:00 AM.

VIII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Book Sale @ Spring Fling
Donation of books to prison
Library Awareness: Reading Coffee Klatch
Permission for remaining budget funds to go into capital fund
Expenditures

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Bonnie Keyes and seconded by Tammy Sollenberger to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Vote: 3 – 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Bellina
Administrative Assistant