

City of Boiling Spring Lakes

9 East Boiling Spring Road Boiling Spring Lakes, NC 28461

Library Commission Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018 10:00 AM City Hall

ATTENDANCE: Frances Thomas, Chairman, Donna Morgan, Co-Chair,

Tammy Sollenberger, Sherrie Kuzian

COMMISSIONER LIAISON: Steven Barger (absent)

STAFF: Pamela Bellina, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Frances Thomas called the regular monthly meeting of the Library Commission to order at 10:00 AM.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The members added to the agenda under New Business, e., Storage Unit.

A Motion was made by Donna Morgan and seconded by Sherrie Kuzian to approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: 4 - 0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tammy requested a change be made to the August 9, 2018 minutes under VII. Announcements. She is unavailable on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A motion was made by Sherrie Kuzian and seconded by Donna Morgan to accept the August 9, 2018 minutes as amended.

Vote: 4 - 0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Dispose of Unneeded Books ~ update

Thriftbooks picked up the unneeded books. To date of the 1,087 books sent to Thriftbooks, only 141 books were deemed acceptable. Of those 141 books, 37 books were sold; however, the profit of those books will go toward the freight share cost. Therefore, the Library Commission has not yet made a profit of the books sold. However, they were aware that many of the books sent to Thriftbooks may be deemed unacceptable and knew the company would recycle the books appropriately.

Frances inquired whether the members wanted to continue with local book sales or to sell their unneeded books through Thriftbooks. Sherrie and Donna both thought that Thriftbooks was the way to go. Tammy thought that a book sale inside City Hall would be better than a book sale at Spring Fling, but agreed Thriftbooks was a good way to sell books.

b. Meet the Author ~ Rescheduled to November 15, 2018

The committee was thankful they were able to reschedule the Meet the Author event with Larry Modlin. Sherrie will bring the flyer over to the senior lunch and hand out. Donna will purchase bottled water for the event. Tammy is unable to attend the event because of a prior commitment.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Book Purchases and/or Book Donations

Purchases: Frances purchased the new Clive Cussler book *Nighthawk* for the library.

Donations: Frances donated a very large collection of Clive Cussler books for the library along with Dean Koontz and an assortment of other non-fiction books. The committee also received a few book donations from residents, a large donation of children's books from Kelly Sperber, and a donation from Pamela Bellina and Jane McMinn of a seven-book series from author Jeffrey Archer called the *Clifton Chronicles*.

b. Budget Review

Frances advised the committee's capital fund currently has \$554.34. The 2018/2019 budget is \$2,000 of which there has been no expenditures to date but is pending Frances's recent purchase of the Clive Cussler book. The storage rental has not yet been paid from the \$2,000 so the committee will have \$1,400 to spend. The committee also discussed the possible purchase of

decorative bookcases to be placed in the lobby pending permission by the City Manager. The bookcase topic was tabled to a future date.

c. Repair/Refurbishment to Little Free Library box

Tammy advised the wood bottom of the Little Free Library was spongy. The members will try to think of some sort of plastic to be placed on the bottom to protect books from getting moldy. The members had previously discussed asking Sergeant John Thomas to help with refurbishing the Little Free Library; however, he has declined because of time restraints. Donna noted the difficulty in getting in touch with Jeff Register to see if his class could help. Sherrie said her son may be able to help and Donna noted her husband may be able to help also but not be until after May.

Tammy noted there were many paperback books in great condition donated by Mr. Johns in memory of his late wife Carol and suggested those books can go over to the Office to be placed on their shelf instead of going in the Little Free Library at this time.

d. Christmas Festival ~ December 1, 2018

The Special Events Committee and Fire Department approached Frances at the BOC meeting about participating with Story Time at the Christmas Festival. Frances and Tammy will attend; however, Donna and Sherrie are not available on that date. The members all agreed the fireplace Frances brought in the past adds a nice touch to Story Time so she will bring it again.

Donna and Frances will decorate the library for Christmas.

e. Storage Unit

Tammy has started the process of bringing over books from the storage unit to upstairs at City Hall; however, it is a long process and she suggested to hold onto the storage unit for this year so they can get it emptied. Tammy boxes the books in the storage unit, brings them home to check condition and year published, adds the books that are to go into the library into the inventory list and then brings the books over to City Hall. The books that will not be placed in the library, she brings to City Hall for future shipment to Thriftbooks.

Sherrie will find out the end date of the storage rental unit.

Tammy noted there are boxes of books to the left in the storage unit and those books are not for use in the library but need to be moved upstairs at City Hall for future shipment to Thriftbooks.

Donna advised that Friends of the Southport/Oak Island Library would provide books to the City's library if needed. Unfortunately, the committee could not stipulate a publication date such as 2010 and newer.

Frances asked the members if they thought they should increase the publication year of the books they would like on the shelves in the library. Currently the publication date is 2010 and newer. The members all agreed they should increase the publication date to 2013/2014 to present, unless the books are part of a series.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna heard from resident Connie Viola who may be interested in becoming a member of the committee. She will invite her to the Meet the Author event. Pamela also noted another resident Anne Corrao expressed interest in becoming a member and will invite her to the event.

Sherrie advised that unfortunately, the BSL Book Club was not faring well and she received a book from one of the members as a donation to the library.

The members discussed moving the meeting in December to another date as some members had a conflict. It was agreed to move the December meeting date to December 5 at 10:00 AM.

A Motion was made by Donna Morgan and seconded by Sherrie Kuzian to change the December meeting date from December 13 to December 5.

Vote: 4 - 0

VIII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

Meet the Author and Christmas Festival ~ recap of events Little Free Library Refurbishment Storage Unit Book Purchases and/or Book Donations Budget Review History of Boiling Spring Lakes

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Sherrie Kuzian and seconded by Donna Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 AM.

Vote: 4 - 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Bellina Administrative Assistant