

WYTHE-GRAYSON REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Called Meeting of August 6, 2015
Camrett Logistics - Wytheville, VA

Members Present: Mary Kelley, Mike Langford, Ruthanne Sawyer and Steve Willis. Members Absent: Linda Boyer, Rose Lester and Brenda Sutherland.

Also Present: Thomas D. Eggers, Library Director and Anita Libby, Wythe County Branch Manager;

In the absence of a Board Chair, Acting Vice Chair Mary Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:38 am and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. She explained that the purpose of this Called Meeting was to complete items of business deferred from the July 16, 2015 meeting.

Old Business:

Staff Salaries: Ms. Kelley reported that the meeting with the Wythe County Administrator, Mr. Dalton, and Ms. Libby and Mr. Eggers had not yet taken place so there wasn't any new information about staff salaries. Mr. Willis said there was a salary study being conducted by Wythe County that would be done in September and that no decision would be reached until then. Also Mr. Dalton is leaving the employ of the County as of September 15 and the County would not make any decision until then. Ms. Kelley thanked Ms. Libby and Mr. Willis for their work on the salaries issue.

Donations Policy: Ms. Kelley questioned the need for a new policy and whether it would replace, amend, or merely be a supplement to the current policy set forth in the Customer Service Policy. Ms. Libby said that the new policy would give more substantial grounds for rejecting unwanted donations and thereby reducing the chances of upsetting patrons. Also some donations in the past have been stored at the library because there was no good way of disposing of them. Ms. Kelley suggested that the anti-censorship philosophy in the older (current) policy should be retained. Ms. Sawyer said the newer policy would alleviate patrons' feelings if the donations were rejected. Mr. Langford asked why books over five years old would automatically be rejected. Mr. Eggers responded that he didn't know but thought that books older than that should be accepted if they were in good condition and if there was a demand for them. Ms. Libby said the Wythe County Library accepted older books in good condition. She saw a reason in older, time-sensitive nonfiction such as hard science books not being accepted as being out of date. Mr. Langford suggested deleting the five year clause and the bulleted items. Ms. Kelley again asked if the donation policy was meant to modify or replace the current policy. Ms. Kelley moved to table the policy for further consideration at a later date and Mr. Langford seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Selection of New Board of Trustees Chair and Vice Chair: Since Ms. Booker, the previous Chair was from Wythe County the new Chair should be selected from the Grayson County Board members. Ms. Sawyer said that her term on the Board of Trustees would expire at the end of December so she would only be Chair for two more meetings if elected. Ms. Kelley said that she had been the Chair the year prior and didn't want to be it again so soon. Since Ms. Boyer and Ms. Sutherland were not present to state their positions, Ms. Kelley said that

although the Chair is supposed to alternate between Grayson and Wythe Counties and Wythe was last so Grayson should hold it this time she suggested maybe it could be waived in this case. Ms. Kelley said that she would serve as temporary Chair until the September meeting. Mr. Langford made a motion to approve this action and Mr. Willis seconded it and it was approved. Ms. Sawyer reminded the Board that since she was going off the Board of Trustees at the end of December she could no longer be the Board of Trustees representative to the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library Foundation and that another member of the Board would need to assume that position. No action was taken on this information at this time. Mr. Willis offered to be Vice Chair until the September meeting and Mr. Langford moved and Ms. Sawyer seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Willis to that position and it was approved.

Appointment of New Board of Trustees Member from Wythe County: Mr. Langford asked about the appointment of Mr. Jackson Case as the new Board of Trustees member from Wythe County. Mr. Eggers explained that since he hadn't met with Mr. Dalton he had no opportunity to recommend Mr. Case to him but in lieu of that he had emailed the Chair of the Wythe County Board of Supervisors but hadn't gotten any response. Mr. Willis said that he would add it to the upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda and be sure that it got the attention needed.

New Business:

Ms. Kelley asked if there were any other items to be considered under New Business and Mr. Langford requested that the Board of Trustees go into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Willis seconded that request and the Board voted to do so.

Mr. Eggers and Ms. Libby left the room and at 10:35 am the Board of Trustees went into Closed Session. At 10:48 am the Closed Session ended and all the Board of Trustees members present certified under VA Code Sec. 2.2-3712 that during the Closed Session they discussed only the topic for which the Closed Session was called.

Action Items: No further action was taken at this time but it was suggested that a Closed Session follow up meeting be scheduled for later in the month.

Date of the Next Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 1:30 pm at a location to be determined.

Mr. Will moved and Mr. Langford seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was approved. The meeting ended at 10:50 am.

Recorded by Thomas D. Eggers, WGRL Director

Mary F. Kelley, Acting Chair