

**DARLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
OCTOBER 17, 2012
DARLINGTON LIBRARY**

OPENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Hughes at 5:00PM. A quorum was declared with the following members present: Bobbie Gardner, Anne Baldwin, Ken Hughes, Elaine Reed, Janelle Davis and Juanita McFarland.

The following visitors were recognized: Charlene McDonnough, Society Hill Branch Manager, Sherrie Humphries, Lamar Branch Manager, Audrey Tripp, Hartsville Branch Manager and Carol Hardee, Darlington Branch Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Elaine Reed to accept the agenda. Bobbie Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The minutes were approved as received.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jimmie Epling, the Director, stated that he had prepared the paperwork for state aid because it was not submitted in August. We should get a disbursement very soon. The August office supplies only have 45 per cent left in budget. He is working with the Finance office to see why more purchase orders were written than should have been. Everything else looks good. The report was accepted as information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jimmie Epling reviewed and showed pictures from the Staff In-Service Day. He said that it was a very good day and he will have another one next year. It was suggested that they have two per year. Jimmie said that he would not like to close the library for two full days, but may be they could have a mini Staff In-Service for half day. Board members were given a copy of the evaluation. A Mascot was selected at the Staff In-Service Day. The winning concept was a bear that came from Society Hill. The bear concept will be further developed into a costume for review by the board and staff. The final costume concept will be submitted to the Board for final approval. When the mascot design is finalized, there will be a naming contest from the public. Jimmie is working on a proposal for Amnesty or Have a Heart month during February where canned food could be brought in for fines. The food would be given to the local food banks. The full proposal will be worked out later and brought to the Board. Society Hill Library hired a Children's programming person, Dora Truett, who is bilingual. Bobbie Gardner asked if there were a need. Jimmie said yes, because there is a need for bilingual education and Ms. Truett could visit all libraries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lamar Update

Jimmie has secured a copy of the request for the RFQ. It is the first draft, and is very detailed. He will get input from Sherrie, Ken and Bobbie before reviewing it with the Friends. Once this is completed, it will be shared with Mr. Surrentt.

LIBRARY REPORTS

Charlene McDonnough, Society Hill Branch Manager, said that she had discussed having computer classes with the new Children's Librarian. She feels that Spanish will bring new energy and excitement to the program. She is training two staff members at this time. She also showed the Board samples of the new signs they will be using for the book shelves. **Audrey Tripp**, Hartsville Branch Manager, said that the Friends Book Sale had ended and that they raised \$111.00. She said that they packed up 15 cartons of books that they did not use, and sent others to the landfill. Ken Hughes stated that the Governor's School is looking for books for their reading room. He will get the contact person's name and give it to Audrey. Janelle Davis said that they could use books for their parents reading night at Rosenwald. **Sherrie Humphries**, Lamar Branch Manager, said the Friends of Lamar did very well with their annual fundraiser. They raised \$3,000.00 on the dinners and \$750.00 on the bake sale. They are beginning their new fiscal year October 1st. She said that they are a program driven library because patrons are looking for more than books. They are competing with Kindles. **Carol Hardee**, Darlington Branch Manager, said that September was a busy month. The staff has been trying to change things around so that they will have more space. They have been discarding old books, etc. The staff is very cooperative and they all enjoyed the In-Service. She said that it is interesting how the public has reacted to their name tags. All of the Friends groups are renewing memberships at this time.

Proposed Agenda Items for next meeting

None

Janelle Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bobbie Gardner seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita McFarland