



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Lamar Branch May 15, 2013

MINUTES – MAY, 2013 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

OPENING OF REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Hughes at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was met with the following members present: Bobbie Gardner, Ken Hughes, Warren Arthur, Juanita McFarland, Elaine Reed, and Janelle Davis.

The following members were absent: Pearl Jeffords and Anne Baldwin.

The following visitors were present and recognized: Sherrie Humphries, Lamar Branch Manager, Audrey Tripp, Hartsville Branch Manager, Charlene McDonnough, Society Hill Branch Manager, Carol Hardee, Darlington Branch Manager and Mr. Leon Johnson of the Society Hill Lion's Club. Mr. Gordon Brown, a former Library Trustee and a member of the Lamar Friends, attended the meeting for a short period of time.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Bobbie Gardner to accept the agenda, and it was seconded by Warren Arthur. Motion carried.

The April minutes were approved with one correction.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jimmie Epling, the Director, stated that the transfer of funds in the amount of \$16,000 within the budget has been approved to replace the HVAC unit at Hartsville. The 2014 budget will set aside funds to replace another unit at Hartsville. The Director stated that the budget is fine for the end of the budget year. He will check item #4300 about a credit in salaries and FICA on the financial report. Ken Hughes asked if he saw any issues before the end of the year, and he said no. The report was received as information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director stated that the SC Senate Finance Committee budget includes a minimum grant of \$75,000 for libraries per county. If this passes, we will receive a minimum of \$75,000 which is \$15,000 more than last year. While at the Legislative Day, he visited with Representative Robert Williams and Senators Kevin Johnson and Gerald Malloy to discuss the libraries. Jimmie Epling said that he will review the Circulation and Borrowing Policies next month and make the necessary changes. Libraries can apply for federal grants for special projects through the State Library System. He has talked with Doris Gandy at the Darlington County Historical Society about a genealogy program at the library. Darlington County will offer six genealogy history classes to

patrons so that they can learn to compile information using laptop computers and printers. Darlington County will have a Heritage Fair at the end of the sessions. The deadline for the grant is this Friday.

LIBRARIANS' REPORT

Sherrie Humphries, Lamar Branch Manager said that she is having some staffing issues, but things are going well. Audrey Tripp, Hartsville Branch Manager, Charlene McDonnough, Society Hill Branch Manager, and Carol Hardee, Darlington Branch Manager said that things are great in their libraries.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met and did not arrive at a consensus for the 2014 officers. The nominees for 2014 are: Warren Arthur, Anne Baldwin and Bobbie Gardner for Chairman, Bobbie Gardner and Warren Arthur for Vice Chairman and Elaine Reed, and Bobbie Gardner for secretary. The Board will vote for the officers at the May meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lamar Update - Jimmie Epling stated that the Darlington County Council approved the hiring of Tyke and Walker as architects for the new addition to the Lamar Library. He will contact Dale Surrett at the county office to inquire about the next step.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Leon Johnson of the Society Hill Lion's Club thanked the Board for allowing him to speak to them about his concerns for the old Library in Society Hill. It was built in 1822 and is in need of improvements to the outside. He stated that Bill Segars from Hartsville, who restores old buildings, assessed the building and said that it would cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 to repair the shutters, caulking, and the repainting. The Lion's Club is in the process of collecting funds for this project. He asked the Library Board to consider matching the funds that are raised up to \$2,000. He said that it is a very historic building, and even if it is not going to be used, the outside needs to be restored. Jimmie Epling stated that the building is owned by Society Hill and not the county or the Library System. The Society Hill minutes states that the building and contents belong to the Town of Society Hill. It was stated the relative of the people who started the library would be heirs to the building, even though it is on city property. Mr. Johnson said that the building was used as a library from the very beginning, and the organizers brought books from as far away as Boston to stock the library. Warren Arthur wanted to know if there would be any legal issues in getting money from the county for the building. Bobbie Gardner asked Mr. Johnson if they had applied for any grants. He said no. Ken Hughes said that it is a worthwhile project, but the Library Board needs more information before any money can be spent. He suggested to Mr. Johnson that he ask the Friends of Society Hill to donate or raise funds for this project, because they can use their monies as they see fit. The Library Board has restrictions on how their funds are used. Ken Hughes thanked Mr. Johnson for coming to the meeting to address his concerns.

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None.

A motion was made to go into a short Executive session. At the end of the session the meeting was adjourned at 6:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted