Onslow County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 13, 2016

Members Present: Kathleen Dillingham, Rachel Waldron, Faye Waters, and Sandra Wood. Brian Jackson attended by Skype from Austin, Texas.
Also Present: Valerie Suttee-Interim Library Director.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Faye Waters at 4:18 p.m. at the Main Branch Library.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 2016 meeting were submitted. Motion for approval was made by Kathleen Dillingham, seconded by Sandra Wood, and the minutes were accepted for approval after noting the correct spelling of Brian Jackson.

Director's Report

A. The Library Director was scheduled to present both the LSTA EZ Literacy and Life Learning Grant from the State Library and State Aid for Libraries for approval at the September 7 Onslow County Commissioner's meeting. However, the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The next Commissioner's meeting is September 19 and both of these items will go before the Board.

B. The new library employees hired over the summer are now starting work. There are still open positions. Interviews for the Technology Support Specialist position vacated by the retirement of Beth Bojack are scheduled for Friday, September 16. Two part-time Library Assistant positions at the Main Library and Swansboro caused by part-time employees moving to full-time positions will post soon. There will also be one full-time Library Assistant position posting at the Main Library due to the retirement of Kim Cowdrey.

C. Candidates for the Library Director position toured the Main Library on July 26 and 27, 2016.

D. The Summer Reading Program was a great success. The staff challenges the participants each summer with specific goals and if they meet the goals then the Library staff will do something. So, the Youth Service Teams said if they met 14,000 hours that they would jump in the pool fully clothed which they did in Sneads Ferry and Valerie said she would color her hair a color of their choice. They read 17,150 hours so Valerie had to dye her hair three colors. There were 2,079 participants in the Summer Reading Program this summer.

E. We have several applications for the Board vacancies but only one meeting the requirements needed.

F. The new Library Director, Virginia March, will start on December 1.

Board Development Brian is working with a group called Soul Society working out of Belgrade. This is a group of young African-American males to read to underserved communities.

Old Business Before Estell Carter retired, there was some discussion on sprucing up the grounds around the Main Library and especially the front entrance. Faye contacted some Garden Club women.

She would like to contact the fellow that does the planting for the county, Jason smith. She would like to invite him to next meeting or bring by library to see if he has any ideas.

New Business Information Because of Election Day, the next meeting will be moved from November 8 to November 15, 2016 at 4 p.m. at the Main Library.

Facilities Update Nothing to report.

With no further business, motion made to adjourn by Sandy Wood and seconded by Kathleen Dillingham. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Approved by the Onslow County Public Library Board of Trustees
January 12, 2017

Rachel Waldron 4/23/18

Rachel Waldron Date