Onslow County Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 14, 2017

Members Present: Kathleen Dillingham, Brian Jackson, Brenda Johnson, Rachel Waldron and Faye Waters.
Also Present: Virginia March, Library Director and De Cisneros, Library Intern, from UNC-G.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Faye Waters at 4:06 p.m. at the Main Branch Library.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 2017 meeting were submitted. Motion for approval was made by Kathleen Dillingham, seconded by Brian Jackson, and accepted for approval.

Director's Report-Virginia March

A. Valerie Suttee, Head of Youth Services, will be resigning effective March 31, 2017. We have posted positions for Head of Youth Services, full- and part-time library assistants at the Main Branch. We should be back at full staff at Richlands Branch by the end of the month.

B. The Dr. Seuss programs went very well. Valerie attended the one at Richlands and Swansboro. They were very nice family events with a chance to see the staff interacting with the children. One day there was a tour from one of the local elementary schools here at the library.

C. We have started a program with Coastal Carolina Community College, at least for this semester, where on Fridays the students will come and they will work on people's devices or computers and also give tech help. The patrons have to pay for any parts that are needed but not for time needed to do any repairs.

D. The budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 was submitted by the deadline of February 28.

E. A grant request was submitted for two more Power Tower Smart Kiosks. They are smaller versions of the one placed at the airport. These kiosks can be shared with each of the library locations and can be taken to events and meetings throughout the county.

F. The NC Kids Digital Library is a statewide eBook consortium specifically for children launched on February 1 and was funded by $200,000 from the North Carolina General Assembly. They work with the publishers so that there are multiple copies of certain titles that they know the teachers are using so the kids can all check them out at the same time.

G. In 2017, public librarians throughout the state are asking for an increase in State Aid from the current $7 million to $14 million. The goal is to add $500,000 to NC Live, establish recurring funding for the NC Kids Digital Library and increase state aid significantly. Senator Harry Brown is the chair of the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee. The Library would like to reach out to him in support of the increase in funding.

H. The week of April 9 is National Library Week and we will be doing *Food for Fines.* For patrons who have fines on their cards, for every $1 in fines if they will bring in one non-perishable food item, we will clear the fines. It helps collect food for the various Food Banks and helps patrons clear their fines.

Board Development Brian Jackson reported on S.O.U.L. Society (Support, Opportunities, Unity and Leadership) which is a group of young men that he works with who use the arts to inspire the young

people in the area. They have an event the third Saturday of the month called *The Heart Society* where the youth actually bring and show their art, play music and do poetry. They would like to bring the group to the Library possibly in June.

The digital kiosk at the airport, which is the first in the state, was dedicated yesterday (March 13) and several board members attended.

The Jacksonville Friends of the Library have asked for help on the library staff lunch during the week of April 9 which is National Library Week. Faye Waters will meet with them to get the details.

Old Business We still have openings for the Library board. Virginia would like to have the marketing person do a push to people know that there are openings on the board to see if we can get new interest and applications. There are openings in White Oak, military and at large. Brock Ridge and Rachel Waldron's terms are ending.

New Business Contact Senator Harry Brown, Chairman of the Appropriations/Base Budget Committee, to ask for his support to get the Library State Aid increase request passed. Virginia will get his e-mail address and send to the Board Members.

Facilities Update Virginia stated that she was hoping during the budget process to start the conversation with the commissioners about the need here at Main Library. Part of the budget process each year is to put in the need for a new building. The main library is the last department in the county that has not had a capital improvement project.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at the Main Library.

With no further business, motion was made to adjourn by Brian Jackson and seconded by Kathleen Dillingham. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Approved by the Onslow County Public Library Board of Trustees
May 9, 2017

Rachel Waldron 4/23/18

Rachel Waldron, Secretary Date