

# ONslow COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

July 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Beth Purcell at 5:00

Present: Beth Purcell, Elaine Bixiones, Pamela Thornton, Peggie Garner, Diane King Barnes, Rich Gwyn, Nivedita Mittal, Elizabeth Raynor, Commissioner Royce Bennett, County Assistant Manager Glenn Hargett, and Virginia March OCPL Director.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve Peggie Garner, Second by Elaine Bixiones. Motion carried by voice vote.

III. DIRECTORS REPORT:

Personnel:

- a. Matt Mano selected for the Marketing person and the Youth Services Position is now open. Interviews for part-time Library Assistant at Main Library are being conducted.
- b. Former Sneads Ferry Branch Manager Liza Barrett passed away in June. She worked for OCPL for 20 years and showed us how to love and support others.

Programs:

- a. Summer Reading Program was well received. Highest numbers participated than in the past. There were new families and thus new cards.
- b. Friends of the Library - All local libraries have gone back to meetings and hoping to revive their groups. Richlands community getting great response. All money raised from the Friends goes to fund local programs.

Other Activities:

- a. NC Cardinal appears to be quite a success though some of the technology is unfriendly. It is a better program than inner library loans. OCPL is getting 1,000 requests a month when it used to get 100 from previous program. And best yet is the fact that the program pays all the shipping fees.
- b. All OCP libraries have returned to pre-Covid hours.
- c. Fine Free Libraries - Additional public libraries in NC have chosen to go fine free or partial fine free to reduce access barriers. A national trend has been to eliminate junior fines.
- d. OCPC Mobile MakerSpace Mondays were very successful where the participants learned about 3D printing, virtual reality glasses, sewing

machines, embroidery machines, and circuits. A new program begins in September and the library has sewing machines that can be checked out.

IV. BOARD OF DEVELOPMENT OUTREACH:

- a. Board Members were appointed at July 19 Board of Commissioner Meeting; terms to expire June 30, 2024. Beth Purcell (Military); Shelia Josilevich (Retired); Nivedita "Mini" Mittal (Jacksonville); Elizabeth Raynor (At - Large); Minority Position is open. Virginia March explained the role of the Board to all, encouraging all to be an advocate for your area. Meetings to be held 5 times a year on the designated day --Third Thursday at 5:00pm.
- b. Election of Officers held: Chairperson Beth Purcell, Vice-Chairperson Elaine Bixiones; Secretary Shelia Josilevich. Slate approved by a vote: Peggie Garner made motion and Diane King Barnes seconded. Passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Minority position open. Person must be registered to vote

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Boys and Girls Club has an Onslow Camp. OCPL worked to get youth and adults involved in learned how to use the library.

VII. FACILITIES UPDATE

New carpet in Main Library has changed the feeling of the building. Many compliments.

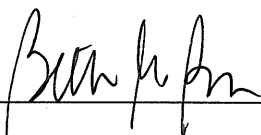
VIII. OTHER ITEMS:

Board members mentioned other Onslow Co projects they are supporting: Mini Mittal mentioned the Literary Council where the non-profit tutors adults. Peggie Garner mentioned the 4H Master Gardeners Blood Drive from 8am to 1 on August 28 as well as the Farm to Fork at Mike's Farm that supports AG day for school events. National night out on Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> was scheduled to be held at the Riverwalk with 100 vendors.

IX. ADJOURN: 5:50pm

Next Meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 5:00pm

Approved by the Onslow County Public Board of Trustees

  
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Beth Purcell, Chair

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