

The Franklin County Library Board of Trustees met on July 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM at the Franklin County Library with the following present: Dave Van Buskirk, Chairman; Kelly Doyle, Co-chair; Carl Goodman, Mickey Hall, trustees; Brigid Stewart, John Hein, advisory members; Tina Stevens, Director; Kate Huddleston, Regional Library Director.

Two items were added to the agenda: Surplus Konica Copier 0564; Mickey Hall and Bob Knies to serve another term on the Franklin County Library Foundation ending in 2024.

The roll was called and the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

Reports provided from the following:

In Treasurer Portia Vaughn's stead, Director Stevens reported that as of June 15, 2021, the budget reflected at 91.51% expended with \$37,430.41 unencumbered. The year should end with a small amount adding to the Fund Balance.

Director Tina Stevens' report attached as page 3. The Director also shared that despite the pandemic more than 44,000 physical items circulated for the 2021 fiscal year.

Regional Library Assistant Director Kate Huddleston—Report attached as page 4. The Regional Director also shared that Trustee Lynn Claxton is now certified.

Budget Committee—Director Stevens for Portia Vaughn, chair—the Fiscal Year 2022 budget request was approved by the Franklin County Finance Committee.

Building and Grounds Committee—Director Stevens for Portia Vaughn, chair—the oldest HVAC unit blew the blower motor and was repaired.

Personnel-Mickey Hall, chair—Director's annual review on Friday, May 14, 2021, listed Exceeds Expectations. He shared the Director was named a strong communicator, worked extensively with the community, and continued to educate herself despite the challenges of an ongoing pandemic.

Committee for Expansion/New Building—It was reported by Brigid Stewart that she is researching Nashville South, LLC who are the listed owners of a property to the rear of the library. Dave Van Buskirk shared that the average square foot pricing for commercial construction is \$300.

Approval of Resolutions

The Expansion/Building Committee Resolution to approve action by Library Director, Tina Stevens and Library Board Chair, Dave Van Buskirk, to research and develop a plan to present to the Franklin County Commission with the aim of requesting funds to build a new, at minimum 30,000 sq. ft., library structure was approved as amended.

Policy—Kelly Doyle—revisions attached

Section 004—removal of Board game parameters

Section 012—copy/print price revisions attached

Section 012—removal of Kindle policy

Volunteer application revision attached

By-laws Order of Business Section remove “Approval” for Treasurer’s Report

All revisions approved.

Nominating—Kelly Doyle for Freda Clifton

Action items—Officers for FY22

Chairman—Dave Van Buskirk

Co-chairman—Kelly Doyle

Treasurer—Lynn Claxton

To serve a second Trustee term ending June 30, 2024

Dave Van Buskirk

Kelly Doyle

All nominations approved.

Communications—none

Unfinished Business—Discussion was held concerning the Advisory Board’s role to the Board of Trustees. The Tennessee State Library and Archives removed the Regional Trustee program ending in June 2022. Regional Director Huddleston shared that while effective at one time, the program was no longer providing the oversight for Regional Library budgets and the hiring process that was so valuable many years ago. Following the state’s lead, the Board of Trustees agreed to study the role of the Advisory Board for restructuring or dissolution.

New Business—Motion passed to surplus Konica Copier 0564. The motion passed for Mickey Hall and Bob Knies to serve another term on the Franklin County Library Foundation ending in 2024.

No Public Comment

Chairman Dave Van Buskirk appointed an ad hoc committee to research properties for a new facility. Members are John Hein, Lynn Claxton, Brigid Stewart, Dave Van Buskirk, and Director Stevens. Salary reviews will be under serious review this fiscal year; the board will be conducting county comparisons. Given the state ended the Regional Trustee program who acted as advisors to the state, the board is interested in the role of its Advisory members. These items are on the agenda for the July meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Franklin County Library Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Franklin County Library Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Director's Report
July 2021

Welcome Summer! It has been a pleasure to celebrate Summer Reading, resume most programming, and even adding new ones. In June alone, 1,418 visitors attended 48 programs. Also, 5,155 actual physical items were checked out not counting eMaterials. A recent survey revealed that most of our visitors use the library for print materials and programs. This is a revelation for some as it is widely perceived that people prefer eBooks or don't read at all.

Our first ever Summer Reading Program for Adults has been a success as well. The program kicked off July 1 with about two dozen participating so far. Prizes in the September 3rd finale drawing include UT football tickets, two Kindles, and several themed t-shirts. Youth Services Director Dana Brown visited local elementary schools as part of the summer school program the Board of Education implemented to reverse Covid Slide. S.T.R.E.A.M. programming with I.T. Specialist Kathy Pack is going strong every Tuesday and Wednesday. Something for everyone this summer—Chess Club on Tuesdays, Book Chat Thursdays, Storytime on Wednesdays, and Turn the Page youth book club every first Monday! We also have 4 camps during July and a workshop for teachers.

Beyond Books is a professional development opportunity for teachers highlighting resources and digital tools available to them and their students at Franklin County Library. This is a partnership between the Board of Education, the Friends of the Library, and us. FCL is hosting, the Board is giving a \$100 stipend for attendees, and the Friends are providing lunch at Walnut Hill. The program filled in less than 1 hour of being posted! They are already clamoring for more.

It's Christmas at FCL. Christmas in July that is. Renae Holman, Library Assistant and Display Specialist, has installed a small Christmas Tree covered in requests. With all this programming we need tons of glue and construction paper and some other things. A nice giver shipped us some items for our S.T.R.E.A.M. kits that will be available on loan soon. Stop by, take a tag, and make our Christmas wishes come true—pretty please.

Last but not least, welcome Camille Jessee and Jared Cowan! Camille is our new Library Clerk. Retired from the UT Agricultural 4-H program after 30+ years, she hopes to stay involved with the community by working at the library. A University of the South graduate, Jared has been a tremendous help this summer as Library Page.

Stay connected by following us on Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, and Youtube! We are hop, hop, hopping!

Thank you for your service and all my best,

Tina L. Stevens, Director

