

Toombs County Board of Trustees
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
January 12, 2016

Members Present: Melanie Parker, Gail Harris, Wayne Smith, Joan Hutcheson, Ann Powell, Jan Outler, Debra Fennell, Ann Powell, Cameron Asbell, Stephen Whigham and Terri Overstreet

Absent: Duane Tomlin

No visitors were present.

Meeting was called to order by Melanie Parker.

Minutes from the October meeting were presented. Motion to approve the minutes with no changes was made by Gail Harris. Motion was seconded by Melanie Parker. Motion passed with all members in favor.

Director's report (handout) was presented by Stephen Whigham.

Members were updated on the hiring of a regional director. Cameron Asbell, current IT librarian, will be recommended for the position and a new IT librarian will be hired as replacement.

Budget reports were also presented and discussed. Focus of this discussion centered on a deficit in the Vidalia branch budget that would right itself in months to come. Brief discussion was also held on the need to hire an additional part time employee at the Vidalia branch. Consideration could be made to move a regional staff member to this position. Our current budget does make allowance for filling this personnel position.

Update was provided on this board's request to have Nate Rall, grant administrator for MR&R funds for the GPLS, come to do a facility audit offering his expert opinion on repairs/renovations and possible future building projects. This input would give this board insight into making future decisions about building on to the current site or the possibility of building a new facility.

Plans for the Summer Reading Program have been made. The SRP will be held each week the month of June and for two weeks following the fourth of July holiday week.

Debra Fennell, Heritage Librarian, provided statistical review of the year for the Ladson Library, reported attending the Georgia Archivist Convention in Columbus, GA, and reported a book donation by Sid Johnson. In discussion, Terri Overstreet stated she would contact the editor of the Toombs County Magazine, Stephanie Williams, and ask her to consider including an article on the Ladson in a future edition of the magazine.

Members examined the statistical report for July 2015 - Dec 2015 for the Vidalia/Lyons branches. An increase in use was noted compared to 2014 statistics.

Cameron Asbell presented the technology report. Cat 2 eRate is in place. Reimbursement for the first 9 months has been received. Mrs. Asbell reports looking into adding additional

computers and classes to the library offerings. Also for consideration is adding a 3D printer and a mobile makerspace.

Mrs. Parker asked for feedback on the Did You Know? Newsletter. She is emailing the newsletter to city council members in Lyons, county commission members and to the city manager of Vidalia -- as it is their policy to not release city council members' email addresses. All members had a favorable reaction to the newsletter and thanked Mrs. Parker for the time she donates to putting the newsletter together.

In old business, it was reported that Mr. Tomlin visited with the Toombs County Schools superintendent and Mrs. Parker visited with the Vidalia City School superintendent. These meetings were to report on the work our libraries do with students from these systems and to seek some monetary support for the future.

Motion to adjourn was made by Joan Hutcheson and seconded by Ann Powell. All members were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Overstreet