

The Clyde W. Roddy Public Library Board met Thursday, March 2, 2023 at the library. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Morgan. Other board members present were: Josh Roddy, Kristi Dyer, Shirley Lacy, Cameron Burton, Faith Young, Brenda McPheeters, as well as Library Director Brittany West and Nikki Branham-Snyder, Assistant Director of the Ocoee River Regional Library.

There were no citizen requests. The February minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion by Cameron Burton and second by Shirley Lacy. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The library board By-Laws were presented and reviewed. Changes were:

Article V. Election of Officers-election of new officers in July, instead of June.

Article IV. Officers and Duties-

Paragraph 3 regarding the Vice-Chair - remove the comma, replace it with and perform all duties

Paragraph 4 regarding the secretary, the phrase "shall issue notice of all regular meetings" will be deleted.

These By-Law changes were voted on with a motion by Kristi Dyer, second by Cameron Burton and the motion carried. Changes will be made for distribution at the next meeting.

A discussion regarding the homeless patron that was discussed in the last meeting indicated that this issue came to a head on the date of the last meeting. Police presence handled the incident.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Clyde W. Roddy Public Library Policies and Procedures manual dated November 8, 2011 was distributed for members to review for updates and discussion at the next meeting. This will be on the agenda for April.

A discussion regarding replacement library board members will be added to the April agenda.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

The Dayton City Council approved both applications for the Walmart and Story Book Walk grants. Walmart has already sent \$500 for their grant.

An issue came up regarding the library checking account signatures which are now obsolete. A current board member needs to be elected to be on the signature card.

Discussion: two board members need to be added. A motion was made by Faith Young to appoint the chair, Bruce Morgan as the primary signature with Shirley Lacy as the backup, seconded by Cameron Burton. The motion carried. (Approved minutes with these changes will be filed with the bank.)

Donations are coming in for the summer reading program. Prizes this year will focus on experiences, so they are buying a weekend at the Wilderness Park (with gas and expenses), Lookouts Tickets, Wonderworks in Gatlinburg, Climbing Wall, etc. Some traditional prizes will be included with the big prizes. (Pictures can be placed on the web.)

TN Strawberry Festival will have a family night on the courthouse lawn so the Library will have a County Fair booth with games and they also are planning a float for the Strawberry Festival parade.

This evening Frazier Elementary School and Dayton City School are both doing Dr. Seuss Literacy Nights. Library staff are working booths at both of these activities.

Bryan Students will be working in the library on March 28th for their service day. Teen Librarian Summit training is March 7th at Blount County. Angela and Kimmie will be attending.

Emily Sisk, a homeschool mother, wants to partner with the library for a book club for homeschoolers. This 4 weeks activity will begin March 27th and the book is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

The February monthly library report showed added print materials but they also deleted large print material to make more shelf room. These purged books are on the sale table and if they don't sell, they can be added to the state collection. The total physical collection is now 63,457. Ebooks and Audiobooks have increased to 140. The total library circulation number was 10,291 with 18,250 total borrowers. Programs were well attended and the young adult's group is growing. One children's program was so full they had to turn @ 10 away. There were 18 total programs in February. There were 3,761 library visits with 40 new library cards issued.

Brittany said that changes caused by health issues have impacted some of the library business. Tammy Colvin is the interim City Manager in the absence of Tommy Solomon and Mayor Hurley Marsh is recuperating from a health issue.

Main Street Dayton has partnered with the library for upcoming events and added library events on their new bookmarks that are handed out all over the county.

REGIONAL REPORT:

Nikki reported that Teen Library services will be the focus on an upcoming training. Other trainings were announced including one that is on Show and TEL that will train on LOOM to help market resources for the library patrons.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Faith Young, Secretary