

**Library Advisory Board Meeting
Buncombe County Public Libraries
March 14, 2024 at 6:30pm
Enka-Candler Library**

The Library Advisory Board of Buncombe County Public Libraries held a meeting on March 14 at 6:30pm at the Enka-Candler Library. Library Advisory Board members present were Brandon Mays, Lee Ann Smith, Julie Risedorf, Justice Rogers, Laina Stapleton and Sheree Turcott. In addition, Library Director Jason Hyatt, County Attorney Amy Broughton and Angelica Tyler from the County Communications and Public Engagement (CAPE) team were in attendance.

Board Chair Ms. Turcott called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. She read the ethics reminder: *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict.*

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Risedorf moved to approve the minutes and the minutes were approved.

Public Comment

George Scott from the Swannanoa Community Council spoke on recent developments and the coming relocation of the Swannanoa Library. Carol Groban from the Friends and Neighbors of Swannanoa (FANS) also spoke on the Swannanoa Library.

Enka-Candler Library Introduction and Update

In the absence of the Enka-Candler Branch manager, Mr. Hyatt gave an overview of the services at the branch.

Director's Report

Mr. Hyatt gave an update on the upcoming community read program, One Book, One Buncombe featuring *The Violin Conspiracy* and reminded the Advisory Board of the main author event with Brendan Slocumb at April 27 at AB Tech. Mr. Hyatt informed the Board that the annual library budget request had concluded after three rounds of presentations to Buncombe County. The Library's budget request primarily focuses on staffing increases, with additional funds for both programming and professional development.

Mr. Hyatt informed the Advisory Board of the current status of the Swannanoa Library. After announcing the location would close, the Commissioners have directed County staff to find a new location for that library branch. In the coming weeks there will be a project plan that will likely focus on finding a location along the Hwy 70 corridor to lease. Ms. Turcott asked if the Board could be of any assistance in the process and Mr. Hyatt said when the community engagement part of the process started there would be opportunities for the Board to contribute. Ms. Broughton pointed out to the Board that she represents the County and would be unable to assist the Board with any issues that ran contrary to the County's position.

Mr. Hyatt reminded the Board that Staff Development Day is April 18 and all libraries will be closed that day. He also distributed copies of an article from *Our State* magazine that mentioned the Black Mountain Library, including the Dark City Poets Society and Story Walk Trail at Lake Tomahawk.

Requests for Materials Reconsideration

The Board discussed three requests for materials reconsideration submitted by library patrons. The items in question were: 1) *Godly Heathens* by H. E. Edgmon (book), 2) *Fire From the Sky* by Moa Backe Astot (book) and 3) *Milo and Otis* (DVD). Mr. Hyatt reviewed the library's procedure for materials reconsideration and reported that the staff collections team had recommended that the items remain in the collection. The Board discussed all the requests for reconsideration. Ms. O'Donnell proposed a resolution that the Advisory Board support the staff recommendation to keep all titles in the collection and Ms. Smith seconded. The resolution passed. At the Board's request, Mr. Hyatt will discuss with the staff adding signage to the juvenile DVD sections of the library.

Old Business

Mr. Hyatt reminded the Advisory Board that three of their members will roll off the Board before the next meeting in May. In addition, Ms. O'Donnell said she was moving out of the area and her seat would also be vacated, for a total of four empty seats. Ms. Broughton briefed the Board on the possibility of moving to at-large seats for every Board member. Ms. O'Donnell moved that the Library Advisory Board request the County Commissioners change the Library Advisory Board's bylaws to make all members of the Advisory Board At Large members. The motion passed. Ms. Broughton will draft a resolution to present to the Commissioners and report back to the Advisory Board.

New Business

Ms. Turcott nominated Mr. Rodgers for chairman of the Library Advisory Board. The motion passed. Ms. O'Donnell nominates Lee Ann Smith for vice-chair. The motion passes.

Mr. Rodgers motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Minutes read and approved this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Justice Rodgers
Library Advisory Board Chair

Jason Hyatt
Library Director