

## Minutes of the Warren County Memorial Library

Board of Trustees

November 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chuckie Hairston at 5:30. In attendance were Trustees Chuckie Hairston, Robert Chapman, Barbara Brayboy, Janet Lesser, Evelyn Hall, and Libya Greenway and Library Director Christy Bondy.

There was no conflict of interest expressed by any of the trustees.

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed, amended to add the attendance of Trustee Libby Greenway, and unanimously approved by the trustees on the motion of Barbara Brayboy and second by Evelyn Hall.

The financial aid statistical reports were revised and discussed. Bob Chapman moved to accept the reports, which was seconded by Barbara Braboy and passed unanimously.

The Director said the library staff has been busy working on the story walk project, moving and updating collections, and learning to navigate NC Cardinal.

The Director introduced the newest staff member, Ben Griffith, who is a Library Assistant and Outreach Technician, who is responsible for delivering and picking up library materials to patrons who cannot come to the library, to daycare centers, and to senior centers.

The Director reported that the library received a \$1,500 grant to purchase Wonderbooks, which are print books with preloaded audio content bound into the cover. Books are expected to arrive by the end of November. The library is also applying for a grant from the Duke Energy Foundation for programming on climate change, climate resiliency, and environmental justice. The library is also pursuing two grants through the American Library Association, including the Stephen T. Fischer grant for people living with dementia and Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities for handicap accessible doors

The Director reported 175 responses to the library needs assessment survey set up by the consultants from Rethinking Libraries Inc. The strategic plan is expected in early to mid-January.

Fall activities included bilingual story time by Ericka Corners of Hendfact on October, voter registration/photo identification drive October 11 and 12, Bright Star Touring Theatre presentation of the Legend of Sleepy Hollow on October 18, and three programs for Native American Heritage Month.

The Director displayed the recently acquired Charlie Cart, which is a portable cart for demonstrating food preparation and cooking techniques for up to eight participants.

There being no further business of the trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:30 after a motion by Bob Chapman and a second by Evelyn Hall.