

State Library Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2022

Time: 10:30 a.m. **Location:** Virtual

Board Member Attendance:

Ms. Martha Murtiashaw, Chair Present

Ms. Deborah Hyler, Member Present

Mr. Walter Caudle, Member Present

Ms. Loretta Green, Member Present

Mr. Marty McKenzie, Member Present

Ms. Alanna Wildman, Member Present

Mr. Mark Herring, Member Absent

Other Attendees: Ms. Leesa Aiken, SCSL, Ms. Breanne Smith, SCSL, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Land, APLA

I. Board Business and Approval of Minutes

1. Motion: Alanna Wildman called the meeting to order. Alanna Wildman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 18, 2021 board meeting with one correction. Marty McKenzie seconded the motion; all present approved the minutes with one correction.

II. Director Report

Agency Administration

- 1. Aiken discussed her budget hearing with the Ways and Means Public Education subcommittee.
- 2. Aiken discussed her first presentation with the Legislative Oversight Committee.
- 3. Aiken shared a news clip that talks about our partnership with Department of Education and tutor.com.
- 4. Aiken discussed the LSTA 5 year evaluation that is being handled by Quality Metrics. A survey will be sent out to all stakeholders.
- 5. Aiken discussed a new electronic resource that she is considering purchasing, Gale Analytics on Demand. Gale gives community insights that would be helpful to public libraries.

- 6. WebJunction has been added to our continuing education resources. WebJunction offers a variety of trainings and webinars for library staff.
- 7. We will be highlighting interesting reference questions received by our first floor staff on social media. We hope to raise awareness of the kind of services we offer and increase interest in State Library content on social media.
- 8. Aiken will be interviewing Clay Rice, silhouette artist, for the next Read Around the States program. She previously interviewed Ron Rash, a poet and author, for the same program.
- 9. Our new electronic resource, Teaching Books, has gone live. Teaching Books offers supplemental material for a variety of children's and young adult books. Resources include Meet the Author videos, book guides, activities, and lessons.
- 10. The State Library has donated over 2,100 books to correctional institutions around the state.
- 11. Our Day by Day Calendars and literacy materials continue to be very popular. We have given out over 400 calendars and over 2,300 literacy materials. We are having more calendars printed but the process is slow due to supply chain issues.

III. Personnel

- 1. Aiken discussed two new employees, McCabe Rentz who is our new Library Services Specialist, and Robert Clayton, our new studio manager.
- 2. There are 4 vacancies within the agency for Grants Administrator, TBS Direction, and 2 Trainer positions.

IV. Upcoming Events

- 1. The Annual TBS Art Show will be held April 5, 2022.
- 2. The TBS Winter Reading program will end on Feburary 14.
- 3. The ReadSC Writing contest will end on January 31, 2022.
- 4. There is an upcoming webinar that focuses on Library Services and Partnerships for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers.
- 5. There will be a virtual Authors of SC Talk with Faye Collins, author of Midnight Song: One Woman's Path to Freedom, on February 3, 2022.
- 6. There will be a quarterly FOSCL meeting in February. It was going to take place at the State Library but has now been moved to a virtual event.

V. Public Libraries

1. There are 4 director vacancies in Lee County, Lancaster, AHJ, and Dillon.

VI. APLA Report

- 1. APLA members have been in touch with the legislature regarding an increase in State Aid funding and lottery funds.
- 2. There are many new directors around the state that are working on staff evaluations for the 1st time.
- 3. Land requested additional copies of the Information for Seniors Guidebook.

VII. Finance

1. Aiken discussed the SCSL Financial Report.

VIII. Adjourn

1. Alanna Wildman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Marty McKenzie seconded the motion and all approved. The next Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022.

Attachments: Board Minutes 11/18/21, SCSL Budget Report