

**Dawson County Library
Board of Trustees
Quarterly Meeting
April 16, 2012**

Members present: *Val Dodson, Nancy Disharoon, Ragin Hause, Kay Black, Clint Bearden, Eydie Stegall and Judy Cahill*

Also present: *Director Claudia Gibson, Asst. Director Sarah Burgess, Branch Manager Stacey Leonhardt, Business Manager Peggy King and Chairman of the Dawson County Board of Commissioners Mike Berg*

Absent: *Leslie Kupkowski and Donna Weaver*

Judy Cahill called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and established a quorum was present.

Ragin Hause made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2012 meeting. Kay Black seconded and all were in favor.

Peggy King presented the 3rd quarter financial report for FY12. Val Dodson made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Eydie Stegall seconded and all were in favor.

Claudia Gibson presented the Director's quarterly report. She informed the board of a new program we are offering our children. The "Booker Mobile" is a program where we make available donated children's books to children who may not be able to come into the library to check them out. We have chosen 2 locations (school bus stops) and the "BookerMobile" is stationed at these stops when the children get off the bus. We have done this once in each county and it was a huge success.

Stacey Leonhardt gave a status report of the Scavenger Hunt which was held in March. This year's event was even better than last and she feels it will continue to grow each year. Stacey thanked Nancy Disharoon and other board members who volunteered their time to make this event a success.

Claudia Gibson let the board members know that we are now actively looking for a new vehicle to purchase with the funds we have been reserving for this purpose over the last few years.

Peggy King informed the board that State Health is changing their method of calculating the employer's portion of healthcare coverage. Presently, they use a set percent (18.534%) of gross salary of all eligible staff members, regardless of whether or not they choose to enroll. Beginning July 1, 2012, they are going to charge a flat fee just for staff members who choose to enroll. System wide, this saves just under \$1,000. Because Lumpkin has no staff members enrolled, they will save some money. Dawson's expense will increase due to this new methodology.

Peggy King presented the revised budget for FY12. Kay Black made a motion to accept these changes as presented, Ragin Hause seconded and all were in favor.

Claudia Gibson reported that the Nominating Committee had met via e-mail and presented the following slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year FY13:

Leslie Kupkowski - Chair
Donna Weaver - Vice Chair
Judy Cahill - Secretary

Clint Bearden made a motion to accept this slate of officers, Nancy Disharoon seconded and all were in favor.

Claudia Gibson presented the revised Personnel Policy. Eydie Stegall made a motion to accept these changes as presented, Kay Black seconded and all were in favor.

Claudia Gibson told the board they will need to have 2 new members appointed for next year. Val Dodson's term will be up and she cannot be reappointed. Nancy Disharoon had been appointed to complete a former member's term which will end this year but she can be reappointed. Chairman Mike Berg asked Claudia to send him names of potential members and he will present to the Board of Commissioners.

Claudia Gibson told the board about a new service we are offering our patrons. "Universal Classes" is a database we have subscribed to which allows any patron with a Chestatee Regional Library System card to choose from over 500 online courses to take, free of charge. Many of these courses can be used as CEU credits if completed.

Stacey Leonhardt read comments left by library patrons as to "Why they love their library".

Claudia Gibson gave each board member and Chairman Berg a copy of "A Current Look at Georgia's Public Libraries and GPLS" for Fiscal Year 2011 data. She told them our library system is third in the state for circulation per capita.

Claudia informed the board that Greg Gilbert was retiring at the end of April after 10 years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Cahill, Secretary
(By Peggy King)