

THE BOARD OF HAMILTON PARKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

74 Parks Plaza
Trimble, TN 38259
April 6, 2023
5:00 PM

The Board of the Hamilton Parks Public Library met in a regular meeting with Board Chairman Angie Ballard presiding. Trustees present were Carolyn Taylor, Cathy Hollingsworth, Jane Taylor, Penny Gibbons and Jason Mathis. Also present were Director Lora Milligan and Assistant Regional Director Kathryn McBride. The minutes for the February meeting were approved on a motion by Jane. Treasurer Jane Taylor presented the Financial Reports for January and February noting that March reports are not yet available. The Financial Reports were approved on a motion by Carolyn.

Regional Report

Assistant Regional Director Kathryn McBride advised that the Core Competencies Standard for HPPL is now complete and the Long Range Plan is in the final stage of completion. HPPL is to be commended that all Trustees are certified. Kathryn noted the upcoming dates for meetings and urged all interested to attend in person or virtually.

Director's Report

Director Lora Milligan reported 217 visitors to HPPL in February with 260 checkouts and 237 visitors in March with 211 checkouts. We provided assistance with the Trimble Elementary School Book Fair in February and sales were up significantly this year. Every child in the school went home with a book or something from the Book Fair. We are cooperating with Trimble Elementary School providing space and assistance for the students who are going through the TCAP training using practice exams and testing procedures. The Health Fair held at the Trimble Community Center in February with UTCHS nursing students was a success and will become an annual event. Next year it will be billed as "A New Year, A New You". There are 2 after-school programs being held at Trimble Elementary School for children. One involves writing and illustrating books and each child will receive their own hard bound book of their individual story at the end of the session. The other is using TEL to teach American Sign Language. At the end of the program, the children will perform by signing the words to a recorded song as parents come to pick up the after-school students.

Old Business

Long Range Plan – on hold

Bathroom Remodel – on hold

New Trustee – There is a person who has expressed interest in serving the remaining term of Amy Ellis. She lives in Trimble, has a child in Trimble Elementary School and works at Discovery Park. She had planned to attend the meeting but at the last minute was prevented from doing so.

New Business

New Library Director – Lora has accepted a new position at Trimble City Hall and her last day will be April 24. The position of Library Director has been advertised on Face Book, at City Hall and by word of mouth. So far, Angie has received one applicant. There will be an interview at 4:00 on Monday, April, 10, with a special called Board Meeting immediately following at 4:30 to vote on a new Library Director.

Friends of the Library – Heather McFarland had previously expressed interest in getting the Friends group re-established and productive. Angie has reached out to Heather to get a progress report and to date has not had a response. If Heather is not going to proceed, Angie wants to move forward in another way. We sorely need a group of interested people to assist with events and programs as well as to provide a means of fund-raising. It

would be great to have someone from the Trimble Women's Club so that HPPL can partner with them on events.

Summer Reading Dates – The Summer Reading Program will follow the theme “All Together Now” and will run for 6 weeks in June and July. Angie would like to see a Summer Reading Committee along with volunteers who can assist with this program.

Committees Volunteers Hiring/Event/Programming – Angie would like to see the formation of committees with meeting dates in the months where there are not scheduled Board meetings. The purpose would be for planning with no official business conducted in these meetings. We will have the first general meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 5:00

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Adjournment

With no further business, Angie requested a motion for adjournment. Cathy so moved and motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Carolyn Taylor, Secretary-