

Library Board Meeting
Collegedale Public Library
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

The Library Board of Collegedale Public Library met on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, 7:00 P.M. Members present: Ben Earnest, Paulette Goodman, Nikki Johnson, Mitchell Thiel and Debbie Baker. Not present: Friends Representative Barbie Wyatt, Mary Wagoner-Angelin, Heidi Marshall. Also present: Gina Mullins and Mickey Coalwell via Zoom.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting were unanimously approved.

LS&S updates: Mickey Coalwell, Regional Director from Library Systems & Services, reported about the search for the new Library Director. LS&S offered the position to Natalie Wright and she begins on August 1, 2018. Natalie is currently Digital Media Librarian at Athens Regional Library, Athens, Georgia, and she is also Webmaster and Information Services Librarian. She grew up in Chattanooga and her parents live in East Brainerd now.

Friends report: Gina Mullins gave a brief report for the Friends by discussing the April book sale, the process for sending surplus books to Better World Books, an update for the brick sale, and the money used to renew Overdrive e-resources.

Library report: Gina gave the Library report with updates on Summer Reading and the fiscal year in review with an infographic on the statistics. Paulette requested comparison statistics for the last two fiscal years. She also asked what percentage of Collegedale's population were library card holders. This information will be sent via email to all of the Library Board.

Unfinished business: The Library Board proposal to the County Commission to increase the size of the Board was declined. The Commission prefers diversity be addressed within the current numbers as new members come aboard. The Commission wants to maintain the majority of resident members numbering five and the nonresident numbering two. The Board is currently four resident and three nonresident members, and plans to bring the ratio into compliance as member terms end.

Paulette announced that she will not continue as a member of the Library Board when her term is up in October. Debbie suggested Suzanne Brown as a possible Board member.

New business: This included appointing a member to be secretary for the Board. Joanne Stanfield had previously held this position. However, with the new Director coming, the Board decided it may be better not to add to her tasks. The Board will ask Heidi Marshall if she would fill this position. New Board officers will be discussed at the October meeting.

Commission news: Debbie discussed plans regarding the City's amphitheater and the new library placement. She also discussed our partnering with Traci Bennett-Hobek, the Parks Recreation Director for the City, which includes participating in Collegedale's yearlong 50th Anniversary celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be October 9, 2018.