

## MINUTES

### W. H. Stanton Memorial Library Board of Trustees

February 8, 2018

The W. H. Stanton Memorial Library Board of Trustees met at the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library on February 8, 2018, at 1:30 pm.

The following individuals were present:

Board Members:

City of Social Circle – Adele Schirmer, Joan McMillan, Nancy Posner  
Walton County Board of Commissioners – Penny Keener, Jamie Peterson

URRLS Staff:

Regional Office – Ben G. Carter, Nancy Condon Bryan

Others Present:

David Keener

Excused absences: Janet King

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 pm by Adele Schirmer. A quorum of Board Members was present.

#### Motion 1: January 3, 2018 Minutes Approved

A. Schirmer presented the minutes from the January 3, 2018, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Penny Keener, seconded by Jamie Peterson, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Under Old Business, Trustees continued to discuss the library expansion project. Nancy Posner reported that she talked with a lobbyist and he has agreed to lobby the legislature in support of the project. The lobbyist also said the letter writing campaign is very important and to continue with that effort. Several Trustees said that they sent letters in support of the project and have encouraged friends and community members to do the same. A. Schirmer thanked all of the Trustees for their efforts.

A. Schirmer gave a report on Library Legislative Day at the Capitol. She arranged meetings with Representatives England and Williamson and Senators Cowser, Ginn, Hill, and Jones to talk about the project and the need for funding in FY 2019. Overall, the meetings were positive, though more than one elected official mentioned that it would be a bit of an uphill battle to secure funding in FY 2019. A. Schirmer also reported on a conversation she had with State Librarian Julie Walker about the project.

A. Schirmer then reported on securing rental space for the library to move into during construction. Trustees discussed several options. A. Schirmer will pursue the options favored by the Board.

Next, B. Carter updated Trustees on the status of construction documents for the expansion project. The architect will attend the next Board meeting and bring them with him to show to the Board. B. Carter also said that he would like the Board to vote on moving money earmarked for construction to a construction fund.

Under New Business, Trustees discussed applications the City has received to fill Board vacancies. Several applications have been received by the City so far. After a lengthy discussion, it was

agreed to recommend that the City appoint one of the applicants to the Board. A remaining vacancy will be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion 2: Trustee Recommendation

Penny Keener made a motion to recommend that Jessica Hutcheson be appointed by the City of Social Circle to fill a vacancy on the W. H. Stanton Memorial Library Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Jamie Peterson, and passed with a unanimous vote.

There were no additional Trustee Comments.

Under Public Comments, David Keener expressed his appreciation to the Board for their efforts in securing funding for the library expansion project. He said he is confident that the project stands a very good chance of being funded by the state legislature.

Motion 3: Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joan McMillan, seconded by P. Keener, and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nancy Condon Bryan