

January 26, 2015  
Dorchester County Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
St. George Library

## **Minutes**

### Call to Order:

Vice Chair Tommy Socha called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending the meeting were Keturah Inabinett, Warren McCarl, Jim Neal, Katherine Pemberton, Beth Sabine and Tommy Socha. Carolyn Baker was absent. Staff members present were Acting Library Director, Jennie Redmond, Business Manager, Lynn Crook and Assistant Business Manager Pinky Harriott.

Ms. Redmond introduced Trip Wingard and Marty Murdaugh from Murdaugh & Associates. They reported on the yearly audit and once again gave the library a clean (unqualified) opinion on the financials. Their presentation to the board was an overview of their work with highlights of FY 2013.

There was no public comment.

### Minutes:

A motion was made by Dr. McCarl and seconded by Mr. Socha to approve the minutes from November 17, 2014. The motion passed.

### Financial Report:

Ms. Crook presented the Financial Report. A motion to approve the report was made by Ms. Inabinett and seconded by Dr. McCarl. The motion passed.

### Committee Reports:

There was a reminder that the Budget Committee should meet between March 16- 20<sup>th</sup> as it will present the budget to the full board on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Budget Committee plans to meet at the Summerville Library on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Members Tommy Socha, Dr. Warren McCarl and Katherine Pemberton will be joined by Ms. Crook and Ms. Redmond to review the budget.

There was discussion for the Art Committee regarding the status of the stored African Art. Overall discussion focused on getting help with research and appraisal and questions about the suitability of its eventual disposition and sale. Ms. Redmond will continue to investigate who might be able to assist the library. She will check with the Arts Management program at the College of Charleston and others.

### Outreach Services/ Director's Report

Ms. Redmond reported that the partnerships with other local entities and organizations were ongoing and positive. She spoke specifically about programming that helps library patrons navigate the income tax process. She also stated that efforts to increase awareness of library programs were bearing fruit through the establishment of a regular library column in the local newspaper. The Bookmobile is still slated for a February delivery, book talks and author forums are ongoing, as are the "Ask-A-Librarian" program and digitization projects.

Ms. Redmond's Director's Report included an update on the paving at the Summerville Branch which is now complete. She also advised that the Business Office will be investigating new accounting software and that all of the vacancies due to retirements have been successfully filled.

Ms. Redmond spoke about some of the staffing changes that have occurred over the last couple of years. She advised the board that she is worried about continuity and asked the board to consider having her serve an additional two years as Interim Library Director so that she can complete projects that she has started and to ensure the successful transition for new library leadership.

Mr. Socha made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the personnel matter. Ms. Pemberton seconded and the motion carried. After that session, a motion was made by Mr. Socha, seconded by Ms. Inabinett, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried and Ms. Redmond was invited back into the meeting.

Ms. Sabine made a motion to offer the job of Library Director to Jennie Redmond for two years from today's date. Mr. Socha seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm .