

**Board of Library Trustees
July 16, 2013
Minutes**

Present:

Kip Hine, President
Rene Cunningham
Karen Eggert
Nick Garrett
JR Mathers
Terese Wells
Carrie Plymire, Director
Beverly Izzi, Recorder

Absent:

Celeste Fort

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:03pm by President Hine.

Minutes

Mr. JR Mathers moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting as disseminated. Ms. Wells seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Hine stated that Ms. Plymire was introduced to the Board of Calvert County Commissioners this morning at the Calvert County Courthouse. He noted that the Commissioners had only positive and kind things to say about Calvert Library.

Introduction of Trustees

Each trustee introduced themselves to the new director of Calvert Library, Carrie Plymire.

Old Business

Review of Director Evaluation Process

Ms. Eggert presented the revised Director Evaluation. She noted the Director will be evaluated after the first 6 months and then every year thereafter. She also noted that the document was approved at the last BOLT meeting.

New Business

Director's Remarks on Transition

Ms. Plymire noted she has visited all of the branches, met the branch managers and met with all coordinators last week. She has been introduced to most of the staff. She noted that she will meet with Maureen Hoffman next week for insight on the county budget.

She met county administrator, Terry Shannon, at a town hall event. She also met all the Calvert County Commissioners this morning. In describing her first impressions of each branch, Ms. Plymire noted that initially she thought that Fairview was most in need of a new branch. However she better understands the capital plan after touring all the sites with the branch managers. The lack of a meeting room at Twin Beaches Branch puts them next in line for a new facility after Southern. Ms. Plymire stated that Calvert Library staff is fantastic. She noted that the Tri-County Directors will meet this Friday, July 19th and her Southern Maryland Regional Library Association (SMRLA) orientation will be August 5th.

Ms. Plymire stated that she will be streamlining reporting and conserving paper. Thus, she will not include event flyers in future monthly reports.

Ms. Plymire noted that there have been rumors in social media and talk radio that libraries have been recruited to promote ObamaCare. She clarified that the American Library Association (ALA) and the Institute for Museum and Library Service (IMLS) are working to prepare libraries for questions that they may get from citizens about how to sign up for health care in October 2013. Just as with tax information, librarians will help citizens access appropriate forms and instruction sheets, but not provide advice or opinions.

Ms. Plymire shared that the Montgomery County Commissioners are passing a resolutions regarding eBooks.

She also noted that as President of the Maryland Library Association (MLA) she will have an executive board meeting the morning of July 17th.

Maryland Advisory Council for Libraries (MACL)

President Hine stated that Ms. Plymire is on the MACL council as MLA president. Jack Smith, former Calvert County Public School Superintendent is now the Chief Academic Officer at Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). Irene Padilla, the State Librarian, will report to Jack Smith.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm by President Hine.

Next Meeting

August 20, 2013 at 2pm in Prince Frederick

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Izzi