

Board of Trustees of Charlotte County Library

Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Charlotte County Library met on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 3:45 in the Bruce Building. Present were Eleanor Williams (Chair), Ree Cathey, Martha Brogdon, Barbara Hamlett, Jean Elliott, and Maggie Allbee (Librarian). Teresa Osborn and Winnie Morris were absent.

The minutes from the October 2024 meeting were approved. The financial reports for October 2024 were approved.

The board discussed changing some hours at the branches starting in January. Wylliesburg will be open 10am-6pm instead of the usual 9am-5pm. It will also be open two Saturdays a month, from 10am-1pm. Phenix may either go to a Tuesday & Thursday schedule or add Tuesday and be open three days a week. Keysville and Phenix will also be adding Saturday hours, so Maggie will look into figuring out how to make that work. The board asked about having volunteers behind the desk to work on Saturdays, but Maggie feels strongly this is not a good idea.

Charlotte County Public Library will have a float in the Keysville Christmas Parade and the Phenix Christmas Parade! Maggie and the library staff are hard at work to build the float and gather candy. Jean Elliott and Barbara Hamlett said they may have some rugs to lend for the float, which will have children sitting on it.

Keysville Library still has its basement windows boarded up, and the front door lock and toilet are still in need of attention. As the book club at Keysville is not very popular, Maggie will move it to Wylliesburg starting in January to see if it takes on there.

Phenix Library needs a new doorknob. Maggie will contact County Maintenance. Barbara Hamlett and Ann Rice will staff a table at Phenix Christmas Days, to promote the Phenix Library to the community. The mural discussion is ongoing.

Weeding at Wylliesburg is mostly finished, and the skunk has moved elsewhere, much to everyone's relief. Crystal will gradually be taking on children's programming. Eleanor mentioned a possible program for children at the Wylliesburg location. Barry Napier is a children's author who lives in Lynchburg. Maggie will look into it.

Maggie had the boiler in the Bruce Building serviced for the first time since 2019. Theresa Hall's brother and sister-in-law refurbished two of the old garden benches for the library. They now

sit on the front porch of the Bruce Building. They will repair and paint the bench in front of Little Bruce next. The carpet in the biography room is now clean, so a rug can be purchased for that room, as well as for Little Bruce.

There was a discussion about the recent book sale. Due to the lowering of the prices, the Friends did not make as much money as they had at the last sale, but they did get a lot of books out the door, which was good. The vendor tables were popular, and they will have them again at the next book sale, which will be the last Saturday in April.

The library board would like to have Santa Storytime in the Little Bruce building. Maggie said the room may have some book sale books on the floor, in boxes or on carts, but they can be moved. The board would like the room to remain usable for events in between book sales, so any books which don't fit on the shelves will need to be stored elsewhere, perhaps in the basement of the Bruce Building.

Maggie has been working on the new library website and securing a new periodicals vendor. Service with the vendor will begin in January.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 3:45 in the Bruce Building. The meeting was adjourned.