

February 12, 1980

- Patricia Harms gave a report on the second Guthrie Theatre performance. There were approximately 110 people at the evening performance.
- It was reported we shall receive \$20,600 from the city for the 1980-81 budget. Requested was \$22,206.
- Mrs. Harms reported story hour will begin again in March. There will be a change in cataloging for the young people's division and a change in checking out books due to privacy. There is a need for a vertical file.

June 10, 1980

- The library board will ask Mrs. Robinson (bookkeeper) to keep a gift-expenditures and gift-expenditures-receipt account as of July 1 in order to readily know where we stand concerning gifts.
- The air conditioning is still not working right.
- Progressive Club began the summer reading program [which is] to run for six weeks.
- Iowa Arts display of Iowa artists postcards will be here through June 15.

July 8, 1980

- The air conditioning is now working and other items have been repaired.
- The board discussed the book lease program. It was decided to try it for a year.

November 11, 1980

- Total bills approved--\$941.00; total gross payroll for 7 staff members – \$991.02
- The Memorial Book will have the names of all donors [but] with no monetary value listed.
- More discussion was held as to the Guthrie Theater.
- The folding door was discussed.

December 9, 1980

- After much discussion a budget of \$23,052 will be presented to the city for 1981-82.
- The motion carried to purchase 10 picture book shelves, 1 projector, and 5 magazine shelves.
- Total circulation for the month was 2192.

March 3, 1981

- Plans for Guthrie Theater were finalized. New shelving has arrived. The folding door is here.
- Decision to purchase 1000 complete brochures and 1000 printed on only one side pending future [changes].
- We have been notified by the city clerk the budget request we submitted will not be allowed. We are to keep to \$20,600.

April 14, 1981

- The city council has decided to pay the library board on a monthly basis. This will cut the interest we have been receiving.
- We will display wood carvings by Rev. Decious and Civil War memorabilia. There will be an art display from the school.
- Pat Harms' library report stated "Copy machine salesmen are showing up as often as the librarians. Can we please set a date to consider their pleas?"
- Laurens Public Library will host the ILA District Meeting this month. Lots of planning detailed in minutes.

May 12, 1981

- It was decided to purchase a Minolta System 310 copy machine for \$3,195. The old machine was turned in and \$400 was allowed us.
- We received \$2575 monthly payment from the city and \$32.30 from Pocahontas Co.

November 10, 1981

- A discussion was held as to what the library could do for the centennial. All ideas are welcome.
- McDaniel Electric was selected to install the ceiling fan, \$227.43.
- Information distributed to board as suggested guidelines for a selection policy.

December 8, 1981

- Mr. Halterman welcomed Mary Crew as a new member of the board to replace Phyliss Hutchinson.
- A letter of resignation was read from (Board member) James Runneberg.
- Irene McDonald told stories to about 250 children. There will be only two more sessions of the Dragons and Dinosaurs story hours with the drawing to be held Dec. 17. The FFA will once again put up the Christmas tree in the library.

January 13, 1982

- The selection policy was adopted.
- Mrs. Harms reported on the troubles we have had with the heating, the frozen water pipes, the Super 8 projector, the typewriter, and the slow closing doors.
- Total circulation for December 1981 was 2054.

May 11, 1982

- David Alstott now appears on the list of Board Members present at the meeting.
- NW Region is planning to buy a computer and recommends member libraries have terminals for most efficient use of the system. The WATS line will still be available.

June 8, 1982

- The name of Ken Wind was listed as Board Members present.
- As to the coming Centennial, Mrs. Siepker will do extra cleaning. Alice Anderson will display her pressed glass collection. Floyd Smith will show his paintings. Early pictures of Laurens will be shown under glass. Grace Hertz will display her early Iowa maps again. The Hurd Heritage Researchers will function Fri. and Sat. The Pitluck home movies will be shown, and Northwestern Bell will show on Friday. There will be an open house for residents of Laurens of 50 years ago on Sunday afternoon.

December 14, 1982

- Mrs. Harms stated we are showing bird photographs taken by Wally Jardine of Pocahontas. We will have 5th grade art through Christmas. The Christmas tree was put up by Jeanne Cowan and the FFA boys. Approximately 300 were here for the Carol Taylor puppet show. We will be showing movies Saturday afternoons during January, February and March.
- Proposed budget for next year was approved and will be submitted to City Council. Amount is \$38,167.

February 8, 1983

- Motion was made and carried to increase fines from over night materials to \$.25 per day, not to exceed the cost of the material; also a fine imposed of \$1.00 per day for the tape recorder and \$3.00 per day for the projectors. An extension will be granted if the patron requests it; no fine imposed.
- The board is discussing the purchase of a computer for library use.

May 10, 1983

- Mrs. Harms stated 75 people attended the library open house. Joan Blundell of the county extension service had 42 in attendance for her puppets. Head Start visited again. Progressive Club will conduct the summer reading program. Great Books will resume in Sept. The Ornithology club will hold a meeting here. The bulletin boards are finished.
- After a great many discussions covering several months, Mary Crew moved and Ken Wind seconded the motion to allow Mrs. Harms to purchase the Apple IIe computer (first library computer) and such additional equipment and supplies as proposed (\$3019.50). Computer proposal filed with these minutes.

September 13, 1983

- Laurens Electric and Building Supply was granted the job (\$600) of insulating the heat ducts in the attic.
- Mrs. Harms announced a new borrower card system prior to putting the information into the computer. The panels are installed in the children's room. Glenn Millward's wooden toys are on display. Also a Caribbean collection.

December 13, 1983

- Because of the uncertainty of the AT&T stock, Eloise Stewart moved and Sara Chadwick seconded the motion we sell the shares owned by the library and earmarked for the "Miss Elsie Bookshelf" and invest the money in a 30 month CD. Ayes all.
- Proposed budget of \$40,592 to be submitted to city council.
- Mr. Halterman's submitted his resignation as president of this board. He has held this position since his election December 1963 and has been on the board since 1959. The resignation was accepted with regret. Jeanne Cowan was elected president of this board effective immediately.

February 14, 1984

- The name of Kathy Hakes appears in the list of members present; Mary Crew has resigned.
- It was decided to check into the rental or purchase of a piano. Kathy Hakes is to see to this. She has also been looking into a 'brown bag' idea.

June 12, 1984

- Salary schedule was set. Hourly wages range from \$4.35 to \$2.50, depending on experience. Director's annual salary set at \$11,200.

- Mrs. Harms reported on the list of books and equipment purchased with the federal revenue money (\$2500). She will send the list to the county board of supervisors.

August 14, 1984

- Total spent for books this month is \$572.39.
- We will employ Mrs. Carol Hoffman as part time help to supplement Mrs. VanMeeteren.
- Total items loaned was 2160.

December 11, 1984

- We received a \$200 donation from the James Scharff family for Jonathan.
- Mrs. Cowan resigned as Board President. Mrs. Stewart was elected president as of January 1, 1985. Mrs. Chadwick will be elected secretary as of the same date. Mrs. Hakes will become first vice-president and Mr. Wind second vice-president.

February 12, 1985

- The new Minolta copier is up and running and warranted for 180 days.
- Honeywell will install a new compressor; Bud Holmes will repair the front door, and Mike Harris had installed braces on the reference table.

April 9, 1985

- The library hours are now 1-5:30 and 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1-5 on Friday and 10-5 Saturday.
- Spring story time begins April 9; the AEA star tent will be here April 15 and 16.

July 9, 1985

- The revised Selection Policy was adopted.
- The state auditor recommends we use pre-numbered receipts and that all checks be signed by two individuals.

August 13, 1985

- Board accepted resignation of Dave Alstott from the Board. Julian Swanson was appointed to fill the balance of Dave Alstott's term.
- Another table on wheels and also temporary paper backbook shelves are to be purchased.
- Total bills for the month were \$896.24; Total payroll was \$1,643.64.

October 8, 1985

- Motion carried to adopt the Computer Policy attached to the minutes.
- Motion carried to install a water deflector on the back roof of the library.

December 10, 1985

- We agreed to pay the Carroll Public Library \$100 a year to obtain the use of 100 large print books a year on the basis of 25 books a quarter.
- Librarian's Report showed 18 library programs with a total attendance of 502 for the month of November 1985. Interlibrary loans received was 28 and interlibrary loans provided was 1. Fines collected totaled \$24.97.

March 11, 1986

- Board members include Kathy Hakes, Margaret George, Jeanne Cowan, Julian Swanson, Ken Wind, E.J. Kees, Joe Halterman, Eloise Stewart and Sarah Chadwick.
- Increased hours and increased programming account for the much improved circulation—2446, up 316 from last February.

June 10, 1986

- Motion passed for director Pat Harms to buy a computer if she can stay within the budget.
- Adopted the following mission statement: The mission of the Laurens Public Library is to provide education, information, and recreation to all the citizens of our community by:
 1. Acquiring books, printed materials, recordings, and audio visual items.
 2. Cooperating with groups and agencies in their educational and cultural activities.
 3. Maintaining an efficient, professional, well-trained staff.
 4. Sponsoring education and cultural activities
 5. Providing adequate facilities including the physical plant, fixtures, equipment and supplies.

We endorse the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read propositions of the American Library Association.

July 9, 1986

Excerpts from the librarian's report:

- Junior Naturalists Club is set to start meeting July 23 for six sessions.
- The roof leaked again.
- Exit lights are now working.
- The new computer is here and has been useful.
- Progressive Club summer reading program is over.
- New exhibits are miniature oil lamps, Carol Hoffman, and wood carvings, Dick Stoner.

October 14, 1986

- Motion made and approved to accept \$12,500 from the City Light Plant for a new and/or upgrading of heating and cooling system.
- Motion made and approved to add Director Pat Harms to the town's group health insurance policy.

December 29, 1986

- Letter of resignation from Joe Halterman after serving 27 years on the board (20 as president).
- Term of E.J. Kees expires; requests not to be reappointed.

January 13, 1987

- Monthly gross payroll was \$1,966.35
- Staff members are Virginia Hodges, Joyce Rigby, Juliana Siepkner, Carol Hoffman, Cheri Frye, Pat Harms, Director, and Dolores Robinson, Bookkeeper.
- Welcomed two new board members—Richard Brugman and Dick Hawes.

March 10, 1987

- Total 1987-88 budget is \$53,076.61, with \$32,000 coming from the City of Laurens.

April 16, 1987

- Accepted bid from Hansen Lumber Co. to install steel vertical siding on the mansard portion of the overhang at a cost of \$3500.
- Discussion on selling the house and acreage on the Blomgren farm.

May 1 and 12, 1987

- Agreement with Bethany Lutheran Church on Blomgren house and acreage—terminate farm lease Sept. 1; renew land rental with Walt Schultz; notify R. Holmberg (occupant) that house is subject to sale with prior notification.
- Resignation from Ken Wind

September 8, 1987

- Results of telephone community survey reported
- President welcomed new board member Louis Ball
- Blomgren farm house will be open for inspection Sept. 13, 2-4 p.m.

October 14 and 22, 1987

- President Eloise Stewart resigned as President, as she will be moving to a winter home in Arizona.
- The policy committee presented a revised Computer Use Policy.
- Motion approved to rent farm to Walt Schultz for cash rent of \$80 per acre.

December 4, 1987

Excerpts from Librarian Report:

- Have received over \$1,000 in donations so far this year
- November circulation was 2381; acquired 42 new books; withdrew 16 books.
- Had 16 library programs with 335 attendance.
- Received 30 ILL books; provided 20 ILL books.

February 9, 1988

- Results of fill rate survey—Title, 84%; Subject, 93%; Browsing, 98%. All “A” levels on output measures chart.
- Balance in checking account \$1,808.40; Money Market, \$27,988.28.

March 8, 1988

- Motion passed to ask City Attorney, F. Gilchrist, to draw up a change in the code to allow rural representation on the library board.
- Riverside Theater will be at the library Friday, March 11.
- The city council cut \$1500 from the budget the board approved.
- Offer from Larry and Mary Ann Northway to buy Blomgren acreage for \$28,000.

June 14, 1988

- Initial discussion of a trust fund or foundation to manage donations and gifts to library.
- Letter of resignation from Julian Swanson.
- Director’s new salary will be \$4.85 per hour as approved by board.

October 11, 1988

- President welcomed new member, Joe Miller
- Letter of resignation from Eloise Stewart
- Contract with Walt Schulz was signed to rent Blomgren farm for \$90 an acre.

May 9, 1989

- Board approved two policies—Meeting Policy, and Selection and Collection Policy—as presented.
- Circulation for April was 2732; fines collected, \$54.06; copies, \$134.55.

July 11, 1989

- Board meeting time was changed from noon on the second Tuesday of the month to 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

August 8, 1989

- Personnel Policy was approved by the board.
- Director conducted library tour to suggest ideas for rearranging for more efficiency and convenience, results of Northwest Regional consulting recommendations.

November 14, 1989

Discussion was held on:

- Meeting room
- Remodeling
- Next year's budget
- Open access programs
- Chamber Christmas movies