

October 24, 2022

The Sullivan County Public Library Board of Trustees held a public meeting at the Sullivan County Public Library at 5:30pm.

**Library Board:** Terri Roberts, President; Katie Couch, Secretary; Jo Linda Lyttle, Secretary; Susan Brooks; Chris Gentry; Sarah Hannon

**Library Staff:** Jordan Orwig, Director; multiple SCPL staff

**Call to Order:**

Called to order at 5:38pm. Chris made a motion to call the meeting to order. Jo seconded and motion passed.

**I. Feasibility Study Review**

Jordan welcomed everyone to this meeting concerning the feasibility study that has happened over the course of the last couple of years. He asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves and state his or her role with SCPL

Jordan explained how the study came about, addressing that he and the current board understood that changes need to be made to better service the community's needs now and going forward. No one remembered there ever having been a study done before. It seemed that needs presented themselves, and purchases and upgrades would be made at that time.

There was discussion about Dugger not being ADA compliant and crumbling concrete. Jordan announced that the library is potentially looking at a new location for this branch.

There was discussion about adding new furnishings and a study room for Farmersburg.

When it came to Merom, there was discussion regarding a possible lift addition and basement program space or reading room.

There was some discussion regarding the potential retirement of the Shelburn branch, as well as comments about Sullivan County townships with no library coverage. Some staff made comments about this town being the poorest area and children need programming or that living room atmosphere to feel safe there. Some asked if the community center could be used or the old school space. Some statements also included the possibility of maintaining an Internet presence there, as well as increased outreach.

One of the key things with the history museum is for us to be good stewards of irreplaceable items. Structural soundness is a critical issue, and the library is currently considering on whether to refurbish or relocate.

In regard to the main library, it is likely that the genealogy department would move to the history museum. There is a need for increased programming space, as well as looking at parking options.

Some offices could be moved to a new library annex on the former trailer lot. This resulted in some emotional discussion about moving the circulation desk. All staff in support of current circulation personnel being necessary in any future updated location. Self-checkout stations were mentioned, which could decrease circulation needs and/or space needed.

Carlisle asked about wanting a quiet reading space based on others voicing opinions. There was some wondering how many people will be able to fit in the new program space at Sullivan, as well as questions about the number of handicap people in the county.

Susan reassured the staff that all of this information were considerations for future developments, and given that nothing was set in stone, the board is still looking for input.

Jordan showed a possible tiered system for moving forward the next few years. Some asked why not focus the start on ADA compliance.

Jo spoke about how the board loves the library and works only to the best interest of everyone involved. Jordan asked everyone to think about and welcome all ideas and opinions and feedback.

## **II. Adjournment**

Time 7:28pm

Susan made a motion to adjourn. Chris seconded and motion passed.

NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2022

cc: Katie Springer, Attorney at Law

Board Members

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Terri Roberts, President

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Susan Brooks, Board Member

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Aaron Greve, Vice-President

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Chris Gentry, Board Member

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Jo Linda Lyttle, Treasurer

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Sarah Hannon, Board Member

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Katie Couch, Secretary