

**Thomas County Public Library System  
Board of Directors  
Minutes for November 21, 2022 Meeting  
Presented for Approval at the January 9, 2023 Meeting**

The Library Board meeting, held in the Thomasville Library Flipper Room, was called to order by Chair Adrian Burns at 1:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Adrian Burns, Curnell Henry, Judy Ament, Lisa Williams, Nicole Gatlin, Wiley Grady, Charlene Hampton, Carla Defnall and Library Director Holly Phillips

**Ratify Officer Election:** Charlene Hampton moved to ratify the officer election made at the Nov. 9 Board work session with Adrian Burns as Chair and Lisa Williams as Vice Chair. Curnell Henry seconded and the motion passed.

**Appeals:** Ms. Phillips gave a statement with updates on the materials challenges so far.

- 31 reconsideration forms have been submitted, which cover 22 titles.
- 10 of the forms were for books that TCPLS does not own, and those cover 6 titles.
- 7 forms were for books that were already located in the Adult section, and those cover 5 titles.
- 14 forms were eligible for the reconsideration process, and those cover 11 titles.
- The Library Staff Review Committee has reviewed 12 of the forms, which cover 10 titles. The committee agreed with the patron on 3 of the titles and moved to Adult. It recommended 8 of the titles should stay where they're located- one is in Juv Fic and the others are in YA.
- There is 1 more to review because the book is still checked out to a patron.

Kathy McLeod addressed the Board with her objection to the library committee's decision to keep **The Other Boy** in the Juvenile Fiction section. Lisa Williams made a motion to move the book to the Adult Fiction section, seconded by Curnell Henry, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mary Beth Huber addressed the Board with her objection to the library committee's decision to keep **The Perks of Being a Wallflower** in the YA Fiction section. Wiley Grady made a motion to move the book to the Adult Fiction section, seconded by Curnell Henry, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:** Chair Ms. Burns opened the floor for public comments:

- Participants signing up for Public Comments numbered 23 and collectively they spoke for a total of nearly one hour. A group of approximately 50-75 observers also attended the meeting.
- The speakers were allotted three minutes each to offer their comments which primarily concerned the recent books/materials challenges filed with the Library. Opinions were offered for both sides regarding the issue.

- The opinions at times elicited some response from the audience members from which the Chair requested they refrain. Once all those who requested speaking time had concluded, the Board thanked them for sharing their opinions and the Board moved to the next Agenda item.

**Minutes:** Curnell Henry moved to accept the 10/17/22 and 11/9/22 minutes, seconded by Lisa Williams, and the motion passed.

**Finance report:** Ms. Phillips presented the October Finance Report. As of 10/31/22, 33% into the FY, Revenues and Expenditures were both at 33% and 32% of budget respectively, with a net surplus of \$6,661.52.

**FY23 Budget Amendment:** Ms. Phillips explained that the \$26,848.18 surplus from FY22 after year end close out was carried over, and along with the current budget, proposed a Cost of Living Adjustment for all staff except for herself of 3.5%. The director salary would remain unchanged. Curnell Henry moved to accept the amendment with raises for staff, seconded by Wiley Grady, and the motion passed.

**Friends of the Library:** Judy Ament reported that there would be bag sales in December and encouraged people to visit the Friends Bookstore.

**Other Business:** Curnell Henry commended the Library on the recent Literacy Fair.

**Executive Session:** Lisa Williams moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session for personnel discussion, seconded by Curnell Henry, and the motion passed. Upon re-entering the Regular meeting session, there was no action by the Board.

**Next meeting:** The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan.9, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Flipper Room.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Burns adjourned the meeting at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Whigham, Interim Library Director  
(From information prepared by Holly Phillips)