

**Smithfield Public Library**  
**Board Meeting**  
**May 15, 2019, 7 pm**

**Attending:** Marilyn Benavides, April Godderidge, Holly Jones, Michelle Thompson, Bill Emmett, and Todd Durrant.

**Welcome:** Bill Emmett welcomed board members, and the minutes from the April 17, 2019 library board meeting were approved.

**Approval of updated Internet Policy:** The board approved the internet policy.

**Approval of DVD Policy:** The board approved the DVD policy.

**Report on the Star Party on May 4<sup>th</sup>:** About 30 people participated and had many questions for the experts. Three telescopes were set up in the field. It was suggested that another Star Party be held in the Fall so participants could see the difference in the stars at different times of the year.

**Prizes for the Adult Summer Reading:** The board members are asked to collect and donate items for the adult summer reading program.

**Transcontinental Railway display:** There are some books and a miniature train on display at the library celebrating the Transcontinental Railway. The books are on display until the end of May. After that, patrons can check them out.

**Library recertification and Board members training:** There is a list of items that need to be checked off to prove that the library is in good repair and safe before it can be recertified. Marilyn and Bill will go over those items. Marilyn talked about the responsibilities and duties of a board member and gave us some training.

**Library Clerk applications and interviews:** 30 people applied for the library clerk position. The library staff went through the applications and chose six people they were most interested in. Todd Durrant will call and schedule appointments with them for Tuesday, May 21, starting at 4pm and lasting about 15 minutes each. A few of the board members will be there to do the interviewing.

**Misc.:** The summer reading program kicks off on Monday, June 3, 2019. The board members will hold a book sale that same day. There was some graffiti discovered on the foundation of the library. The police were called about it. They verified that it was gang related, and it has been cleaned up. There was a scary incident at the library involving a homeless man who has been spending his days at the library. He doesn't like the library's policy limiting use of the computers to one hour. He got very upset when he was asked to get off the computer after his hour was up. He got loud and vocal and was shaking his fist at the library staff. He eventually left the library. The police were called. They told Marilyn that the library staff can refuse to let him come back to the library.

**City Council Report:** No news from the City Council.