I. Vice-Chair Joy Price called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Board members present were Suzanne Thompson, Joy Price, Nik Bramblett, Wendi Michael, Debra Dahlin, and Sally Goodson. A quorum was present.

II. Welcome and introductions.

III. Approval of consent agenda. Dahlin/Michael (motion/second) Vote was unanimous.

IV. Approval of the minutes from December board meeting. Bramblett/Michael (motion/second) Vote was unanimous.

V. Julie Ward, Associate Director for Public Services, was introduced and she gave the Board a brief look at her work experience, her life, and her goals for YCL. She will be an advocate for the branches. Kalyani Veeraraghaven was introduced as the new manager for the Rock Hill Branch.

VI. Director’s Updates. Jason Hyatt brought the Board the following updates.

Budget Report.
Jason prepared and delivered the preliminary budget for FY 2017-2018 to Kevin Madden, York County Treasurer. YCL is trying to get $2.00 per capita from the State. It is currently at $1.75 per capita.

Statistics Report.
The current Statistics Reports are more detailed than in the past. It is now possible to get statistics for more individual items and in a quick and up-to-date manner. Circulation for January 2017 is up 16.15% over January of 2016.

Stories of impact.
Jason is looking for stories of how working for and/or using the YCL has impacted lives. He shared an unsolicited letter from Tina Economou thanking management for sending her to the ALA Midwinter Conference and explaining why and how it made a difference to her.

Legislative Visit Day Report.
Julie and Jason drove down to Columbia to meet with Jim Johnson to lobby for the
Increase in per capita for the libraries. There was a mix-up and they had a discussion with the Anderson County Library Director instead and got some very good information on planning their next meetings with our representatives.

VII. Lake Wylie Public Hours Request. Nancy Monts-Rayfield requested that the Lake Wylie Branch be open until 8:00 PM to better serve the public. She said she could arrange the schedules of her staff so that no additional hours or overtime would be needed. There was a discussion of other branches needing the additional hours, but none needs later hours at this time. Motion was made to empower Jason to adjust branch hours as needed without prior Board approval. Bramblett/Goodson (motion/second) Vote was unanimous.

VIII. Safe Place Report.
The YCL has been working with The Rock in Rock Hill to make YCL a designated Safe Place. Motion to endorse the library involvement, beginning March 7, 2017 was made. Thompson/Michael (motion/second) Vote was unanimous.

IX. New Business.
At the next meeting, we will be given more information on forgiving children fines: SCLENDs take on it, and how it would impact library circulation.
Jason will be attending the SCLENDs meeting on standardizing circulation policies. The board will need to approve any changes.
Suzanne Thompson suggested we have a short guided tour of each library when we meet there. This would give us a better idea of the size, layout, needs, & things that are going on in different areas of each branch. This idea will be presented to the branch managers.

X. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Bramblett/Thompson (motion/second) Vote was unanimous.

Next meeting: 5 PM, March 9, 2017
Rock Hill Library

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Goodson, Secretary