

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance: Chair Laura Lee Bernstein, Tanya Jones, Amanda Hollomon, Joe Addison, Andrew Thomas (Came in much later). Also, staff members, Manager Pam Burgamy and Director Alan Harkness

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernstein at 6:02 pm.

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Bernstein asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022. Addison made the motion. Jones seconded. Unanimously approved by Bernstein, Jones, Hollomon, and Addison.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Addison gave out his report which included copies of the reconciled present budget and an updated annual audit report dating back to FY15. Discussion was had on revenue which has drooped since going fines free. The prices of faxes, scans, and copies were discussed. Addison created a new expenses and revenue tracking spreadsheet to make keeping of financial records more efficient. Director Alan has suggested that the board should consider in the near future establishing financial policies due to issues that other county branches are having.

Director's Report: Director Alan Harkness presented the director's report. He shared information on the upcoming Children's Book Festival taking place Saturday May 14th, 2022, from 10 to 1, the Summer Reading sponsored by AFLAC and the Smithsonian exhibit "The Bias Inside Us" coming to the Columbus Public Library in July.

Director Alan handed out the Fines Free Statistical Report for Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library. In March of 2019, 18.47 % of Cusseta – Chattahoochee County library card holders were blocked. After instituting Fines Free and restructuring the charges for items not returned, the percentage of card holders blocked was reduced to 5.75 %. The Chattahoochee Library system did a market adjustment for library assistants and raised their hourly wage from \$11.05 an hour to \$12.50.

Local Library Report: Manger Burgamy gave the local library report. The temporary CCCLP site will close from June 1st to the 5th in order to move into the new building. Furniture has not arrived yet. The library will open even if the furniture has not arrived as long as the shelves are installed and the collection is ready. The Grand Opening will take place on Saturday, June 25th, 2022. Programming in the new building should begin the 3rd week of June. There will be a program every day during the summer. She gave progress updates on the programs that are currently running.

Unfinished Business: there was none.

New Business 2022-2023 Budget

Chair Bernstein asked for a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Budget. Addison made the motion. Hollomon seconded. Unanimously approved by Bernstein, Jones, Hollomon, and Addison.

Grand Opening

The board decided to serve donut holes, fruit, coffee, juice and water to the public. Director Harkness will inquire about the dedication plaque.

Chair's Report

Chair Bernstein shared the county's budget allocations for the library. The county was able to increase the budget for the library from \$19,900.00 to \$24,675.00.

Board Education: There was none.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Next meeting date: July 19, 2022