

Marion County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 1st, 2022 – 4:30 pm
Marion County Public Library

In attendance:

Tricia Henson, Chair, Kesia Rembert, Cindy Haulk, Betsy Pond, Virginia Dennis
Also Director Alan Harkness, and Manager Kim Scott

The meeting was called to order at 4:31pm

There was no Public Comment

Chair Henson brought to everyone's attention the Minutes from the April 29, 2021 meeting. She asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Haulk, seconded by Rembert. Passed unanimously Rembert, Haulk, Pond and Dennis.

Treasurer Pond gave the treasurer's report

Director Harkness gave his report. He mentioned the Columbus Children's Book Festival on May 14th, and referred to the Smithsonian Exhibit on "The Bias Inside Us" that is coming in July. Harkness mentioned the salaries for front line staff were going to 12.50/hour and that would impact Kim's staff here at Marion as well.

Manager Scott gave her local library report. The company that had been doing the grounds has given notice and Kim has asked them to do one more service before they leave. She is attempting to find another service, and there was discussion of other local companies who could provide it. Kim mentioned the Summer Kickoff on 5/14 and that local schools are in session on 5/20. There will be bags for families, and Kim mentioned the park passes available and the STEM materials available for circulation. Golden Ticket Tuesday will be offered once in June and July; these are scratch-offs prizes for gift cards.

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

Chair Henson indicated that she did not have a report

For Board Education, Director Harkness went over the various options for a new library, including the various funding sources from the state and what that would mean for local matches. The most economical option is a renovation of an existing building. There was much discussion, including the need to have the building be within the city limits so as to not lose City funding for the library.

Kim plans to go to the Board of Commissioners soon to discuss support and a replacement for Mr. Raulerson from the BOC.

The board elected to add an item to the agenda, with Haulk making the motion, Rembert second, and unanimous by Rembert, Haulk, Pond and Dennis.

The additional item was to bring to consideration for Debbie Forward as member to the board. Motion by Rembert, second by Dennis, and unanimous by Rembert, Haulk, Pond and Dennis.

The next Meeting Date is April 14, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27