

Minutes of the Muscogee County Library Board
Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 1:00pm
Via GoToMeeting

In Attendance:

Donovan Granville, Chair
LaRae Dixon Moore, Vice Chair
Sebastian Cahill, Treasurer
Todd Robinson
Beth Schwartz
Cynthia Cerbin
David Fox
Reggie Lewis
Grace Nagal
Marion Scott

Also in Attendance:

Alan Harkness, Director, CVL
Felecia Malave, Computer Support Specialist
Brittany Fischbach, Personnel/Finance Clerk
Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director, CVL
Tracie Price, Finance & Human Resources
Coordinator, CVL
Laura Ann Mann, Muscogee County Library
Foundation Director
Katie Burnett, CPL Branch Manager
Amber Brookins, Materials & Statistics
Coordinator, CVL
Tammy Battley, Operations Coordinator, CVL

Acting Chair, Donovan Granville called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

Acting Chair, Granville asked for approval to move to items IX and X first since he will need to leave the meeting early. LaRae Dixon Moore will finish the meeting. Treasurer, Sebastian Cahill, seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

No unfinished business.

New Business:

- a. Acting Chair, Granville asked for a motion to nominate a Board Chair. LaRae Dixon Moore motioned to nominate Donovan Granville as Board Chair. David Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Chair, Granville asked for a motion to nominate a Vice Chair. Todd Robinson motioned to nominate LaRae Dixon Moore as Vice Chair. David Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Chair Granville asked for a motion to approve the new board member, Tavanasha Shepard. Grace Nagal moved to approve Tavanasha Shepard as the new board member. Todd Robinson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- c. Chair Granville asked for a motion to approve filling the open Regional Library Board seat. Todd Robinson motioned to nominate LaRae Dixon Moore. David Fox seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. Chair Granville asked for a motion to approve the library's move to phase 4 of reopening. Todd Robinson moved to approve the move to phase 4. Grace Nagal seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- e. Chair Granville asked to approve the recommendation of the architect for the South Columbus Public Library building project. Building presented a motion to approve Hecht

Burdeshaw as the architect for the South Columbus Public Library building renovation project. Cynthia Cerbin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Vice Chair, LaRae Dixon Moore, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2021 meeting. Todd Robinson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Treasurer, Sebastian Cahill, seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

No public comment.

Friends of the Library: Director Alan reported that book sale that was scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled due to possible inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for May 22, 2021.

Muscogee County Library Foundation: Laura Ann Mann reported that her board will meet May 4, 2021 and will be voting on the FY '22 budget and several new trustees that will be joining the board. She will be asking her board to increase the number of board members to 25. Announced that reinvested for the expansion of the North Columbus Public Library. Mann reported that in FY '22 the foundation will be supporting the library by \$884,000. She reported that funding is down a little due to Covid-19 but will still be able to support the library at same level. Mann stated that the foundation is beginning to work on Wine, Women, and Shoes for the fall and asked for suggestions for sponsors and donations.

Treasurer's Report: Tracie Price reported that revenues are on track and that the local income is trending high. Price also reported that all counties are paid 100% and everything else right at 75% where it is supposed to be. Price informed the board that there are no major changes in trends from last month. Price also reported a major expenditure in February of \$200,000 for the CPL roofing project. She reported that we are expecting \$100,000 back from the state.

Director's Report: Director, Alan Harkness reported that the Cusseta branch will do a groundbreaking. Director Harkness informed the board that school district will give a bonus to all staff. He reported that the library will receive funds from the school district to pay off PPE supplies. Director Harkness mentioned that the library is gearing up for summer reading. The library is keeping signs outside to let the public know we are open. Director Harkness reported that he just purchased an insurance policy to cover all 5 library boards.

Branch Report: Deputy Director, Gabriel Lundeen reported that staff continues to serve the public well even with restrictions brought on by COVID-19. He is excited to see more people coming back to the library. Lundeen informed the board that they are gearing up for summer reading. He mentioned that Outreach is moving forward and has returned to the fatherhood dorm. Lundeen also mentioned that the Bookmobile has recently been going to events at schools. Lundeen reported that staff have been able to spend high quality time with patrons despite restrictions due to COVID-19.

Chair's Report: Nothing to report.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2021 and will likely be in person.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.