

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 - 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance:

Treasurer Joe Addison

Amanda Hollomon

Andrew Thomas

Also, staff members:

Manager Pam Burgamy

Director Alan Harkness

Administrative Specialist Lizette Cruz

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Addison at 6:05 pm.

II. Approval of the Minutes: Treasurer Addison asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 18, 2022. Hollomon made the motion. Thomas seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Addison, Hollomon, and Thomas.

III. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Addison presented the Treasurer's report. After some discussion he asked if there were any questions about the report. There were none.

IV. Director's Report: Director Alan Harkness presented the director's report. Director Harkness gave an update on the South Columbus construction and noted that they have received a Bradley Turner grant to help fund the shortfall. Director Harkness showed the Board members the new CVL (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries) Logo and the Summer Reading Catalogue.

In the fall a new cataloging system will be implemented. It will require new training for staff and changes to how books are cataloged and checked out but will bring significant savings to the budget. Director Harkness introduced the new logo and website for the Board. The company who designed the new logo and website specializes in libraries. The new website will save the libraries \$15,000.00 a year.

Director Harkness reminded the board about the upcoming Columbus Children's Book Festival on April 29th and invited them to please drop by. The festival will mark the beginning of Summer Reading sponsored by Aflac and featuring the return of Golden Ticket Tuesday. The Clothes Story will return for Juneteenth at the Columbus Public Library with new additions to the exhibit. The Holocaust exhibit from the American Holocaust Museum and the Georgia Holocaust Museum will be on display in July.

V. Local Library Report: Manger Burgamy gave the local library report. Patronage has significantly increased in all areas including adults. Kelly's homeschool group, Homeschool Happenings meets twice a month, and increased to over 12 families. There have been two bell ringings, and there is one more event before the end of the school year. Programs run every day. Children on Monday & Friday, Teens on Tuesdays, and Adult's on Thursday. The lockers are being steadily used. They will be decorated with the library branding and logo. A former employee is coming back, Beverly Whitt. She starts on Monday.

VI. Unfinished Business: there was none.

VII. New Business

i. Vote for a New Chair

After some discussion Amanda Hollomon volunteered to run for Chair. Addison made a motion to elect Hollomon as chair. Thomas seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Addison, Hollomon, and Thomas.

ii. Approve FY24 Budget

After some questions, clarifications, and corrections, Thomas made a motion to accept the FY24 Budget with the discussed corrections and changes. Hollomon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Addison, Hollomon, and Thomas.

iii. Vote to add item to Agenda

Thomas made a motion to add a request to buy a keyboard to the agenda. Hollomon seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Addison, Hollomon, and Thomas.

a. Approval to spend grant money on a keyboard for computer programming.

After some discussion Hollomon motioned to approve up to \$250.00 for Manager Burgamy to buy a keyboard for the Teen area. Thomas seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Addison, Hollomon, and Thomas.

Chair's Report: There was none.

Board Education: There was none.

Next meeting date: July 18, 2023, at 6pm.