

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2023 - 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance:

Chair Amanda Hollomon
Vice Chair Tanya Jones
Treasurer Joe Addison
Alexandra Reyes

Also, staff members:

Manager Pam Burgamy
Director Alan Harkness
Administrative Specialist Lizette Cruz

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hollomon at 6:03 PM.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Hollomon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 18, 2023. Addison made the motion. Jones seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Addison, and Reyes.

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 informed the board that all of the library branches will be closed on Monday, October 23rd for the transfer from the Polaris library management system to The Library Corporation system. This move will save the CVL \$90,000 a year. These savings will be applied to a large health benefit increase to take place in the next three years which will reach a total increase of \$140,000 a year.

Director Harkness passed out and reviewed the CVL dashboard report with current user statistics. Branch Manager Burgamy asked if a dashboard report could be generated exclusive to the CCPL. Director Harkness will ask Tiffany Wilson to generate one for her.

Director Harkness addressed a question being asked by many legislators and citizens inquiring if library systems are members of the ALA. CVL is not an institutional member of ALA. There are some employees who might hold personal membership in the ALA, but it is not required of an employee.

Director Harkness wanted the board to be aware that he will be approaching all rural counties about funding service agreements. Service agreements between funding agents throughout the region have not been reviewed since 2012. In 2024, the CVL will review those agreements and revise them to meet present-day funding criteria and needs. Director Harkness also gave an update on the renovation of the South Columbus Public Library.

V. **Local Library Report:** Branch Manager Burgamy gave the local library report. She presented a PowerPoint on all the past and upcoming programs for the rest of the year. Every day there are well-attended programs. Patronage is up across all age groups and the CCPL is extremely busy. Circulation has increased exponentially along with the activities and programs.

VI. **Unfinished Business:** there was none.

VII. **New Business**

i. **Discuss and vote on candidates to fill the two open positions on the board.**

After some discussion Tanya Jones made a motion to ask the persons listed below in order listed if they are willing to serve on the board. The first two to confirm their willingness to serve will be considered approved to serve on the board by this motion. Joe Addison seconded this motion. Motion was unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Addison, and Reyes.

- a. Kristina Young
- b. Bethany Wilson
- c. Walter Miller
- d. Jason Frost

ii. **Vote on presented amendment to the by-laws**

After some discussion Joe Addison made a motion to approve the proposed change to the by-laws. Tanya Jones seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Addison, and Reyes.

Chair's Report: There was none.

Board Education: There was none.

Next meeting date: January 16, 2024, at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM