

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2021 – 1:00 pm  
Via GoToMeeting

In Attendance:

David Fox  
Sebastian Cahill  
Reggie Lewis  
Marion Scott  
Grace Nagal  
Darcy Brito  
Beth Schwartz

Also in Attendance:

Alan Harkness, Director, CVL  
Felecia Malave, Admin Assistant  
Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director  
David Goldberg, MCSD  
Tammy Battley, Operations Coordinator  
Tracie Price, Finance & HR Coordinator  
Katie Burnet, CPL Branch Manager  
Amber Bokins, Selections Manager

Without a quorum, Director Alan Harkness gave updates to the board.

Friends of the Library will host a book sale April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Muscogee County Library Foundation is planning to host Wine, Women and Shoes in October on a Sunday with the plan to be outside. Currently, CPL is still closed on Sunday.

Tracie Price gave an update on the current financials. For Period 7, revenue is a little ahead as the system just started accepting cash again. Expenditures are low due to less supplies and travel costs with the pandemic.

Directors Report – Director Harkness reported the NEA Big Read is underway with lots of virtual programming. There is an NEA grant to cover the books and other costs associated with Big Read. Staffday was a little different this year due to COVID but it was in 2 sessions over 2 weeks covering Identity, privileges and bias. CVL got \$25,000 for PPE from MCSD to help offset costs.

Branch Report – Deputy Director Gabriel Lundeen says the branches are helping people sign up for the COVID-19 vaccines (not administering them) and have helped nearly 100 people so far with lots of positive feedback. There have also been updates to the Grand Reading Room at CPL with a Black Authors collection and other updates.

There are also updates to our digital resources, RB Digital has been bought out by Overdrive so all resources are moving to Overdrive. Audiobooks are also being added to Hoopla.

IT is working on an update to the public reservation system on all of the public computers (SAM). Update should be finished in the next couple of weeks.

Director Alan Harkness added we will be moving to Phase 3B on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> with the plan approved by the board in December.

Building Committee chair Marion Scott updated the board saying the committee met for the first time and got an overview of the building project and discussed ideas for the project. The committee will meet with two architect firms who have done work with libraries in the area.

Everything that needed to be voted on today will be pushed to the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.