

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022– 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance: Chair Laura Lee Bernstein, Tanya Jones, Amanda Hollomon, Andrew Thomas. Also, staff members, Manager Pam Burgamy and Director Alan Harkness

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernstein at 6:06pm

Approval of the Minutes: Chair Bernstein mentioned the October, 2019 minutes had been distributed. She called for any corrections or additions. Hearing none, she called for the vote. Thomas motioned to approve the minutes, with Jones seconding. Unanimously approved by Bernstein, Jones, and Thomas.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer was not present to give the Treasurer's Report. Chair Bernstein indicated that he was updated through the November statement, and had some more reconciling to do. He intends to give an update at the next meeting.

Director's Report: Director Harkness indicated that the new building was coming along and that the no major issues were going to get in the way of a mid-to-late April ribbon cutting. He indicated that the South Branch needed an additional \$1.2M for construction costs as the price of materials and labor had gone up, equivalent to a 23% increase. Harkness indicated that the Columbus Children's Book Festival was on target for May, and that there would be an exhibit from the Smithsonian at the main library on Macon Road in the summer. Finally, he mentioned that the work of Pam and the Orange Boy product would help retain existing customers and help market to gain new cardholders as well.

Local Library Report : Manger Burgamy said that the staff were getting ready for the move. The displays and windows at the Temporary Cusseta location were attracting people from the road and she was proud of her staff for their hard work. Burgamy mentioned that with Orange Boy the goal was two emails to card holders a month: one to teens and one to adult. They are looking forward to reaping the rewards of that marketing campaign. Burgamy mentioned that getting the word out about the building was challenging, as people constantly approach her not knowing that the building was being expanded.

Burgamy mentioned that a young home-schooled boy asked for a number of odd supplies recently, and it was obvious that he was attempting to do his science fair project. STEAM night at the elementary school was a hit and staff hope to reach parents this way. Finally, the branch staff were looking forward to resuming in-house programming in March with a field trip from a pre-K class.

Unfinished Business: there was none.

New Business –

Renewal of Mr. Reverend Thomas's term - Jones moved to approve. Seconded by Bernstein. Unanimously approved by Bernstein, Jones, and Thomas.

Approval of term of Ms. Amanda Hollomon – Thomas moved to approve. Seconded by Jones. Unanimously approved by Bernstein, Jones, and Thomas

Regional Board Representative: The Chair recognized new board member Hollomon, who agreed to serve.

Chair Report : Chair Bernstein was excited to tour the next facility last Friday and is very excited about the new building.

Board Education: There was none

Meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

Next meeting date: March 15, 2022