

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
March 16, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Columbus Public Library – Synovus Meeting Room

Minutes

MEMBERS ATTENDING

John Boyd
Len Williams
Dr. Frank Star
Donovan Granville
Marion Scott
David Fox
Lori Auten
James Dudley

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Meridith Jarrell
Kent Illges
Edie Evans
Helene Watson

Ex-Officios: Dr. David Lewis, MCSD Superintendent
John Thomas, MCSD
Kia Chambers, MCSD
Sharon Lyon, Muscogee County Friends of Libraries
Trip Thomlinson - Muscogee County Library Foundation

OTHERS ATTENDING

Alan Harkness, CVL Director
Sherry Goodrow, Administrative Assistant to the Director
Tracie Price, CVL Finance Manager
Gabe Lundeen, CVL Deputy Director
Tammy Battley, Operations Coordinator
Greta Browder, Children's Outreach Coordinator

David Fox - Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

David Fox asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting. Dr. Frank Star moved the minutes be approved as distributed. John Boyd seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tracie Price reviewed the FY2017 – 2018 Preliminary Budget Report with the Board. She also reviewed the Period Financials.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Harkness let the Board know that fellow Board Member Helene Watson's Husband had passed away. He also discussed the decision not to apply for the Big Read Grant this year. They are looking for more ways to fill that space on the event calendar. The security gates and self checkouts have been operational. Mr. Harkness reviewed the Theft Detection Policy. He discussed looking for sites for two 24 hour libraries vending type machines. He is talking to MCSD. He is talking with three muralist about maybe painting a mural on the area above the landing of the Grand Staircase. John Boyd ask if Mr. Harkness had reviewed the draft model for the Strategic Plan. He acknowledged he was working on that.

BRANCH REPORT

Gabriel Lundeen reviewed the Programs going on in the system. David Fox asked about Tumble Books. Mr. Lundeen discussed the use in the schools. He also review the Guys Read program and added that was a big success. The gentlemen went to the schools for 40 minutes during their lunch break for five weeks. Ecards have launched and we currently have 45 users and growing. He is hoping to expand and grow the users to people who do not necessarily have Library Cards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

Nomination Committee Recommendations:

Monique Baucham

Sharon Hester

Recommendations passed unanimously to send to the Board of Education.

Wine Women & Shoes Fund Raising Event. The Muscogee County Library Foundation ask that the Columbus Public Library Close Early on September 28, 2017 – 1:00 p.m. for set up for the event. Dr. Frank Star motioned to approve closing the Columbus Library Branch. Len Williams seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Amendment of the Muscogee County Library Board By-Laws. Approved to go before a vote at the April 2017 Muscogee County Library Board Meeting.

BOARD EDUCATION –

Greta Browder – Children’s Outreach Coordinator reviewed the Children’s Outreach Services for the Community. Donovan Grandville asked about adding volunteers. Ms. Browder said she was working with the CVL – Volunteer Coordinator.

CHAIR’S REPORT –

David Fox recognized the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Marketing Department for the social networking they do on the CVL Webpage, Facebook and other social media and advertising.

The next meeting date – April 27, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.