

Minutes of the Marion County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020 – 4:30 pm
Marion County Public Library
Buena Vista, GA

In Attendance:
Patricia Henson
Cindy Haulk
David Raulerson
Connie English

Also in Attendance:
Alan Harkness, Director
Kim Scott, MCPL Branch Manager
Felecia Malave, Admin Assis. to the Director

Chair Patricia Henson called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

Chair Henson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the board's October 10, 2019 meeting as presented. David Raulerson moved to accept the minutes, Cindy Haulk seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by Henson, Haulk, Raulerson and English.

Treasurers Report – Branch Manager Kim Scott went over the quarterly budget review, minus the December statements that have not been posted yet. The branch is in good standing.

Director's Report – Director Alan Harkness discussed the AC work that was completed at the branch. The library should get half of the funds back (about \$5,000) from the state in the next few weeks. Director Harkness also discussed the success of Fines Free across the system. System wide there has been an increase of new card holders by 34% and circulation is up by 11%. Alan presented on Fines Free to other directors across the state of Georgia in December and now other systems are looking into going Fines Free as well.

Library Admin Staff and Branch Managers are currently going through a 4 part leadership training.

The Cusseta branch is slowly moving forward on the construction of their new branch building and the South branch is ready for construction as soon as the State budget is approved by the Governor. The total in construction will be about \$2 million for Cusseta and \$4 million for South.

Delia Owens will be coming to the library on January 24th for a public reading and presentation. She is currently number one on the NY Times Best Seller list and has been for months. The Library Foundation will be hosting their Gala the night before with Ms. Owens as well.

Branch Report – Branch Manager Scott reports since the library has gone fines free, the branch has seen an increase of new library cards. Scott also encourages everyone to read the book "Dare to Lead." The new computer desk should be installed on January 23rd. The MR&R to receive the refund from the state took a little longer than expected to get but should be done soon. The door facing metal plate at the front of the branch came loose but has been fixed. Kim also asked the boards opinions on ground keeping/landscaping at the branch.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Approve Changes to MCLB Bylaws – David motioned to accept the bylaws with the proposed changes, Cindy seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by Henson, Haulk, Raulerson and English.
- b. Election of 2020 Library Board Officers: The proposed slate of officers for 2020 were
 - i. Chair – Patricia Henson
 - ii. Vice-Chair – Kesia Rembert
 - iii. Treasurer – Betsy Pond
 - iv. Secretary – Virginia Dennis

Cindy motioned to accept the proposed slate of officers. David seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously by Henson, Haulk, Raulerson and English.

New Business – None

Chair Report – None

Board Education – None

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.