

Marion County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 2019 – 4:30 pm
Marion County Public Library
Buena Vista, GA

Members in Attendance:

Gloria Blue
Virginia Dennis
Cindy Haulk
Patricia Henson
Betsy Pond
Kesia Rembert
David Raulerson

Also Present:

Kim Scott, MCPL, Branch Manager
Alan Harkness, Director, CVL

Chair Patricia Henson called the meeting to order at 4:32pm

Chair Henson asked all had read the minutes from the July 11th meeting and asked for a motion. Motion by Raulerson, second by Rembert. Motion was approved unanimously by Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson.

Treasurer's Report - The monthly and quarterly reports were distributed. Treasurer Pond reported all was well.

Director's Report - Director Alan Harkness reported some FY'19 statistical data as follows:

	Marion	CVL
Circulation	up 4.4%	up 3.4%
Foot Traffic	down 2.9%	up 1.6%
Computer use	down 10%	down 9%
Wifi	up 14%	up 4%
Data	up 15%	up 25%

Harkness also mentioned that the program attendance was up systemwide to over 100,000 for the first time. The Sendak exhibit brought in over 10,000, mostly children from the Muscogee School district. Unfortunately, Marion County was unable to send any classes. Summer Reading completions were up: children's 26%, adults 84% and teens were down by 11%. Fines free has gone well so far with some customers insisting that they pay their fines anyway! New card holders are up 24% systemwide, and 4.8% in Marion County. There may be a direct correlation to the removal of fines. Finally, Cusseta's construction meetings will start next month for their building's addition/renovation.

Local Library Report - Branch Manager Kim Scott reported the new Fines Free program was going well. She reinforced card members are up and theorized some are not scared to use their cards or being judged; whole families have been coming in that haven't been in for a while. Genealogy classes have replaced some of the computer classes and are doing well. The winter/spring program guide content deadline is next week, and the branch is preparing for that.

Scott also reported during the time the Josh Gibson Rec Center has been closed, the library has seen an impact. There have been some issues of people acting up and the computers being used more. These changes have not let up with the end of summer.

Unfinished Business –

- a. **HVAC Replacement** – The board reviewed three bids that Manager Scott brought for consideration. *After some deliberation, Parker's was selected by a motion from Pond, a second from Dennis, and a unanimous vote from Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson. The cost of the installation is \$10,835. Addendum: The State will cover half of the costs through the Maintenance, Renovation and Repair Grants.*

New Business –

- a. **Public Service Computer** Manager Scott brought for consideration computer work stations for the public to replace the old furniture. The new furniture is on state contract, designed for the branch space, and has built in wire management. *After some discussion, a motion was made by Raulerson to purchase the workstations and chairs as presented, with a second by Haulk. A unanimous vote from Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson approved the purchase.*
- b. **Changes to MCLB Bylaws** – The Marion County Library Board Bylaws have not been reviewed since 2006. The board examined the suggestions made while also including other changes to be voted on. Specifically, changes to the terms for the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer to allow the holder of those positions to hold up to 4 consecutive one-year terms. Also, the sentence for the Treasurer to serve as Finance chair has been struck. Finally, Article III, section II on meetings: change the “hold no less than” to “up to” four regular meetings.

Per bylaws, the changes will be made and then sent ahead of the January meeting for a confirmation vote.

- c. **Nominees to replace Gloria Blue (Board of Education)** – *after some discussion, the Board elected to ask Ms. Connie English as the first choice to replace Ms. Blue. Should Ms. English not wish to serve, then Darci Desrochers will be approached. Pond made the motion, seconded by Rembert. The vote was unanimous from Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson.*

- d. **Selection of officers for the next term** – The following board members were nominated to be re-elected as officers beginning January 2020:
- a. Chair – Patricia Henson
 - b. Vice Chair - Kesia Rembert
 - c. Treasurer – Betsy Pond

Raulerson motioned to approve the nominations for the 2020 board officers. Motion was seconded by Dennis, and approved unanimously by Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson.

To replace Secretary Blue, who is rotating off the board in December, Virginia Dennis agreed to the nomination. A motion was made by Haulk to approve Dennis as the 2020 board secretary. Motion was seconded by Raulerson and approved unanimously by Blue, Dennis, Haulk, Henson, Pond, Rembert, and Raulerson

Chair Report - there was none.

Board Education - prior to the board meeting a refresher board orientation session was conducted by Director Harkness

The next meeting will be January 9, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37