

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting – Summary Minutes
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 1 pm
Columbus Public Library – Synovus Room A

Members in Attendance:

Marion Scott, Chair
Kent Illges
Gayla Arrington
LaRae Dixon Moore
Edie Evans
Len Williams
Lori Auten
Dr. Frank Star
Beth Schwartz

Also in Attendance:

Alan Harkness, Director, CVL
Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director
Tiffany Wilson, Marketing
Tracie Price, HR/Finance
Marnie Salter, Friends of the Library
Dr. Mike Edmonson, MCSD
David Goldberg
Naomi Buckner

Chair Marion Scott called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Chair Scott asked for approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2019 meeting. Dr. Star motioned to approve the minutes as presented, LaRae Dixon Moore seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.

Public Comment – None

Friends of the Library – No Report

Muscogee County Library Foundation – Director Alan Harkness reported for the foundation saying Wine, Women and Shoes will be happening at CPL on November 14.

Treasurer’s Report – Tracie Price presented the current financial report for August, as September is not ready yet.

Director’s Report – Director Alan Harkness reported on recent events at the library.

- On the Table was held in October and while it was not as highly attended as previous events, there were events held at all city branches. Thank you to the Foundation for support by providing food to the events.
- The Artist Guild exhibit will be up in CPL until early November.

- Professor Parell's exhibit on Apartheid will also be up through next week.
- An LED light was replaced in the parking lot. A larger project will follow with RFD for the whole building.

Branch Report – Deputy Director Gabriel Lundeen presented an update on the branches, reporting they are all busy with lots of great programs going on.

- There is still great feedback coming in on Fines Free across the system.
- There are multiple positions being filled in the branches, both full time and part time Library Assistants.
- The system is transitioning to Polaris Leap, which will be a great improvement for staff and their interaction with the main database. Leap takes all the essential functions of our current Polaris system, customer account management, item management, check-in and check-out, and brings them to a more user-friendly browser experience accessible anywhere.
- Lucky Day Collections are well-received in branches.
- SCPL Branch Manager, Natalie Couch, has started Leadership Columbus.
- The 24-Hour Libraries are still very popular, and a few kinks are still being worked out with Envisionware. We are closing in on a full year of service and are eager to learn more about how we're reaching new customers and encouraging existing customers to use the library in new and more convenient ways.

New Business –

1. Nominations to fill vacant Library Board Seats as of 1/1/2020:
 - a. David Fox
 - b. Darcy Brito
 - c. Cynthia Cerbin

Beth Schwartz moved to approve the nominations to fill three of the vacant Library Board Seats as of January 1, 2020. Len Williams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.

2. Election of 2020 Library Board Officers:
 - a. Chair – John Boyd was nominated to serve as Chair for 2020. Len Williams motioned to approve the nomination, Lori Auten seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.

- b. Vice-Chair – Donovan Granville was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair for 2020. Len Williams motioned to approve the nomination, conditional of Granville’s acceptance of the nomination. Dr. Star seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.
- c. Secretary – Gala Arrington was nominated to serve as Secretary for 2020. LaRae Dixon Moore moved to approve the nomination. Motion was seconded by Lori Auten. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.
- d. Treasurer – Tamika McKenzie was nominated to serve as Treasurer for 2020. LaRae Dixon Moore moved to approve the nomination, conditional of McKenzie’s acceptance of the nomination. Len Williams seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Scott, Illges, Arrington, Moore, Evans, Williams, Auten, Star, and Schwartz.

Chair’s Report – None

Board Education – A Closer Look at Marketing – Tiffany Wilson gave a report on the library’s advertising budget and how the money is spent at the library.

The next meeting will be held December 12, 2019 at CPL.