

Minutes of the Marion County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, April 11, 2019
Marion County Public Library
Buena Vista, GA

Members in Attendance:

Cindy Haulk
Virginia Dennis
Gloria Blue
Patricia Henson

Members Excused:

Betsy Pond
Kesia Rembert
David Raulerson

Others in Attendance:

Kim Scott, MCPL Branch Manager
Alan Harkness, CVL Director
Felecia Malave, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Chair Patricia Henson called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm.

Chair Henson asked for approval of the minutes from January 10, 2019. Cindy Haulk motioned to approve the minutes, Virginia Dennis seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Haulk, Dennis, Blue and Henson.

Treasurer's Report – Kim Scott went over the quarterly reports for the branch. Gloria Blue motioned to approve the quarterly statement, Cindy Haulk seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by Haulk, Dennis, Blue and Henson.

Directors Report – Alan Harkness welcomed Felecia Malave, the new administrative assistant to the director. Mr. Harkness reminded the board that the Maurice Sendak exhibit opens this weekend at the Columbus Public Library. CPL is the only stop in the state of Georgia for the “50 Years, 50 Works, 50 Reasons” exhibit. Schools in Marion County are welcome to bring students. The Muscogee County Library Foundation will pay for transportation for students to come to the exhibit.

Mr. Harkness updated that the two 24-hour libraries are up and running in Columbus. These 24-hour libraries are the first in Georgia.

The systems carrier van has finally been received and is being used. This helps James get more materials to and from Branches.

Mr. Harkness says as soon as Georgia's Governor signs the state's budget, libraries across the state will receive more money for books, technology, etc. The Cusseta-Chattahoochee branch will also be receiving approximately \$1.8 million in funds for renovations of the building. Another part of the state budget includes a new e-book resource for children. This will replace Tumblebooks on the state platforms but CVL plans to keep Tumblebooks as it is the most utilized e-resource in the system.

Local Library Report – Kim Scott addressed recent renovations at the library. She also announced the branches upcoming event in May, a Fancy Nancy Fashion Show. This event has been publicized by the events committee and is expected to be a hit. Ms. Scott also announced reading classes at the branch will be coming to an end due to the staff time commitment. While there will be no formal classes or tutoring, staff will continue to help those interested in reading help that come into the branch.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

- a. **Fines Free** – Gloria Blue motioned to accept the Fines Free proposal, Cindy Haulk seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by Haulk, Dennis, Blue and Henson
- b. **Approve 2019-2020 Proposed Budget** – Gloria Blue motioned to approve the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020, Virginia Dennis seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by Haulk, Dennis, Blue and Henson

Board Education – None

The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.