

Minutes from the Stewart County Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 1:00 pm  
Parks Memorial Public Library  
Richland, GA

**Members in Attendance:**

Barbara Boynton  
Jennifer Boling  
Tamara Hall  
Brenda Moore  
Lisa Wischnewsky  
Nea Permenter  
Pamela Green

**Others in Attendance:**

Alan Harkness, CVL Director  
Pepper Grimmett, PMPL Branch Manager  
Felecia Malave, Administrative Assis. to the Director

Chair Jennifer Boling called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm and asked everyone for a moment of silent reflection.

Chair Boling asked for approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting. Nea Permenter moved to approve the minutes, Brenda Moore seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously by Boynton, Boling, Hall, Moore, Wischnewsky, Permenter and Green.

**Public Comment** – None

**Chair's Report** – None

**Treasurer's Report** – Pepper Grimmett addressed the board that the city of Richland has not paid their regional dues for FY 2018-2019. The bill has been hand delivered to the city in hopes the bill will be paid in a timely manner. The money goes toward cleaning supplies for the branch. Ms. Grimmett also reported all other groups who support the library financially have paid their bills. Stewart County is now contributing more to the regional fund.

**Director's 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 Stewart 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 currier 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. Parks

Memorial Public Library can be added to the state list for renovations in the future, with backing from local government. 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** – Pepper Grimmiett explained Parks has expanded their relationship with the school district; students are coming in every day and using the conference room.

The study room is now able to be reserved for things, though it is almost fully booked as well. Legal Aid is coming to the library once a month (the first Wednesday of the month) and GED classes are held twice a week (Monday and Wednesday).

The Head-Start program is coming in once a month for story time. The Pre-K program is coming in once a week for story time now through the end of the school year.

The system wide summer reading program will kick-off May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Grimmiett also welcomed Pamela Green as a new member of the Stewart County Library Board.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** –

- a. **Fines Free** – Nea Permenter moved to approve the fines free proposal, Brenda Moore seconded. The proposal was approved unanimously by Boynton, Boling, Hall, Moore, Wischnewsky, Permenter and Green.
- b. **Approve 2019-2020 budget** – Pepper went over the changes on the budget for 2019-2020. Lisa Wischnewsky motioned to approve the budget, Tamara Hall seconded the motion. The FY 2019-2020 Budget was approved unanimously by Boynton, Boling, Hall, Moore, Wischnewsky, Permenter and Green.

**Board Education** – None

**Next Meeting** – Fall 2019

Meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm.