

Minutes of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting
Thursday, July 18th, 2019 – 5:30 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library

Members Present:

Patricia Henson, Chair
Donovan Granville
Kelli Dixon
Marion Scott

Also Present:

Alan Harkness, Director, CVL
Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director,
CVL
Felecia Malave, Admin Assis. to the
Director

Chair Patricia Henson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Chair Henson asked the minutes from the April 18, 2019 minutes be approved as presented. Marion Scott moved to approve the minutes, Kelli Dixon seconded. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.

Public Comment – None

Treasurer's Report – Director Alan Harkness reviewed the revenue and receipts for the past year within the library system.

Director's Report – Director Alan Harkness addressed highlights from FY 2019, these included

- Circulation is up, with an exponential increase in Electronic Circulation. Wifi and Bandwidth is up though computer usage is down.
- More than 10,000 people visited the Sendak exhibit in May. Most were students from local schools but there were lots of people who walked through the exhibit on their own.
- The Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library is expected to begin the building process in the Fiscal Year.
- Automatic Renewals went into effect at the end of May and so far have been very well received by the community.
- Fines Free kicks off in the next few weeks.
- The Columbus Public Library will have to close for a few days probably in September for instillation of the new cooling towers. The delay is due to the roof of CPL having to be replaced.

- A new platform is out for children's ebooks, E Reads Kids. It features approximately 15,000 ebooks and audiobooks for kids K-4.
- Delia Owens, author of *Where the Crawdad Sings*, will be at the library in January thanks to the Muscogee County Library Foundation.
- Poet Joy Harjo will be coming to the library next year for the Big Read. She was recently named the United States Poet Laureate.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

- Approve Finalized Budget for FY 2020** – Donovan Granville moved to approve the budget as presented. Marion Scott seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Approve System Closure Dates for 2019-2020** – Kelli Dixon moved to approve the proposed closure dates. Donovan Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Delegate Responsibility and Authority of Cusseta addition/renovation project to the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library Construction Committee** – Kelli Dixon Moved to approve the delegation of responsibility and authority, Marion Scott seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Approve Institutional Cards Policy** – Marion Scott moved to approve the proposed Institutional Cards Policy. Donovan Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Approve Social Media Policy** – Donovan Granville moved to approve the proposed Social Media Policy. Marion Scott seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Approve CVL Circulation Policy – Fines Free Revision** – Donovan Granville moved to approve the new revisions to the CVL Circulation Policy to include updates for Fines Free. Kelli Dixon seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all in attendance; Henson, Granville, Dixon, and Scott.
- Review proposed changes to Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Constitution – Changes were reviewed.* The updates will be voted on at the next meeting.

Board Education – None

County Library Trustee Reports

Muscogee Co – Very excited for the new policies and how they will impact and improve library usage in the community.

Cusseta-Chattahoochee Co – Lots of excitement as the county gets ready for the new building/renovation project. Really enjoyed the Sendak exhibit at the Columbus Public Library.

Marion Co – Fines Free will be able to help many people get back into the library and use the library. Marion County is getting a new air conditioning unit soon. The branch had a very successful Fancy Nancy Fashion Show and is working with a new childcare facility regularly. The branch is averaging about 120 people a day in the building.

Stewart Co – no report

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019 at the Marion County Public Library at 5:30 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.