

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

MEMBERS ATTENDING

David Fox	Meridith Jarrell	Len Williams
Marion Scott	Owen Ditchfield	Helene Watson
James Dudley	Mary Bode	Frank Star
Lori Auten		

Ex-officios: Sharon Self, Friends of Libraries
Kayron Laska, Library Foundation

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Edie Evans Kent Illges
Carleton Coleman

Ex-officio: David Lewis, MCSD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ex-officio: Shannon Smallman, MCSD

OTHERS ATTENDING

Alan Harkness, CVL Director
Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer
Gabe Lundeen, CVL Deputy Director
Debbie McGregor, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Due to the 2015 Slate of Officers not being voted at the December 2014 meeting, Meridith Jarrell presided over the meeting until the Slate of Officers were approved.

Chair Jarrell called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominating Committee Recommendation – The Nominating Committee present the following Slate of Officers for 2015.

Chair David Fox
Vice Chair Edie Evans
Secretary Helene Watson
Treasurer Kent Illges

The Committee Recommendation was approved unanimously.

Chair Jarrell turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair, David Fox.

MINUTES

Chair Fox asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting. Owen Ditchfield moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Lori Auten seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Sharon Self reported that Henry McCoy was able to visit all of the library branches providing an opportunity for children to see Santa Claus. She stated that the Friends were able to provide refreshments for these visits.

Ms. Self informed the Board that the Friends will be helping with the 10th birthday celebration of the Columbus Public Library. The event will be held in the Rotunda where cupcakes, water and balloons will fill the area.

Ms. Self said that at their recent Friends meeting, the membership fee structure was reviewed. She reported the new structure will be a family membership for \$25, individual membership for \$15 and a senior or student membership for \$10. Marion Scott asked what age would constitute a senior membership. Ms. Self said that she would assume it would be 65 but will check with the group to be sure.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Ms. Laska attended the meeting representing Ed Burdeshaw who was out-of-town. Ms. Laska reported that the annual campaign has almost reached its goal of \$150,000. She stated that as of last week, the total was \$149,000. She also reported the Gala will be on Saturday night, January 31st at the Columbus Public Library. The keynote speaker at the Gala will also speak to the public on Sunday afternoon.

Ms. Laska reported that Laura Ann Mann, Executive Director for the Foundation, gave birth to a baby boy on January 19th and both mother and baby are doing well.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson explained that due to the holiday closings, the financials for the period were not available. He did review the Period 5 (November) financials with the Board. There were no unusual items to report for the period.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Harkness added a number of items to his report. He reported that the installation of new carpet in the Children's Department at CPL is almost complete. Renovation of the Teen Department is also underway.

He reported that an application has been made for a local family foundation grant for Civic Technologies. He explained that this will help library administration better explore the needs and assessment of the community better.

The website is being outsourced to VROOM Technology. He said he feels this will allow for better management of the website. He also reported that the new Internet service provider started on January 7th. This will double Internet speeds at all branches except CPL.

BRANCH REPORT

Gabe Lundeen reported that Adult Winter Reading program is underway. Helene Watson asked what the participation rate has been. Mr. Lundeen stated that most of the participation has been at CPL and NCPL. Ms. Watson asked when the program ends. Mr. Lundeen stated it ends on February 12, 2015.

The renovation of the large conference room at the North Columbus Public Library is almost finished. He said the makeover, i.e. new carpet and ceiling tiles, truly to give the room a much better appearance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1999 SPLOST – Alan Harkness reported Newt Aaron has turned over all invoices to the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Meeting Calendar-2015 – The 2015 meeting calendar was reviewed. Meridith Jarrell moved the calendar be approved as presented. Owen Ditchfield seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

2015 SPLOST – Alan Harkness informed the Board that he had been requested by David Lewis to present items the library may wish to have included in the 2015 SPLOST. The renovation of the South Columbus Public Library and an electronic kiosk were items he

suggested. Owen Ditchfield moved to approve the recommendations of the Library Director to be included in the 2015 SPLOST. Marion Scott seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appointment to the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Board – The Chair asked for a volunteer to represent the Muscogee County Library Board on the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Board. He explained the CVL Board meeting quarterly.

Committee Appointments – A list of committee appointments for 2015 were included in the Board packet. The Chair asked that if anyone would like to change or add to their committee assignments to please let him know.

BOARD EDUCATION

Teens – Gabe Lundeen updated the Board on the recent changes in the Teen Department. He encouraged members to walk through the department to see the changes that have been made.

The next Board meeting will be on February 26, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.