

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 26, 2012  
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Frank Star	Price Walker, Jr.	Meridith Jarrell
Carleton Coleman	Owen Ditchfield	Rick Covington
David Fox	Gary Gibson	Norene Marvets
John Wells	Barbara Mack	Michelle Griffin

MEMBERS EXCUSED

M. A. Dowdell	Clark Gillett, Jr.	Lisa Goodwin
Cristina Richards	Gary Griesheim	

OTHERS ATTENDING

Claudya Muller, CVL Director  
Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer  
Debbie McGreggor, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Chair Frank Star called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting. Meridith Jarrell moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Carleton Coleman seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Claudya Muller reported that the Friends hosted their annual book sale April 19 – 21, 2012. The event was very successful. On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Libraries membership were allow a members only sale and by noon, 1,000 books had been purchased. Total sales revenue exceeded \$6,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson reported that revenue and expenses are in line for the reporting period. He stated that the underage in revenue was due to open positions that are in the process of being filled.

Owen Ditchfield moved the Treasurer's Report be approved as distributed. Barbara Mack seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Muller added to her report that the Steven Prothero program was very good. Ms. Muller stated that Anne King of Midtown, Inc. would like to partner with the library to host the series "Building Common Ground" again next year. Ms. Muller said the months of February, April and October seem to work very well for this program.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan 2012-2017 – Ms. Muller reported that Dr. Susan Andrews informed her that the library portion of the Muscogee County School District Strategic Plan 2012-2017 looks good. She informed the Board that the entire School District plan is not ready yet. Dr. Gary Gibson said he hoped to give it to the Muscogee County School Board in June.

FY2012/2013 Budget Update – Ms. Muller reported that it looks like the tax digest may be higher than expected.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Muller informed the Board that the Aflac Vacation Reading Program will kick-off on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> on the lawn in front of the Columbus Public Library. A large outdoor screen will be used to show the movie, "E.T."

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Muscogee County Library Foundation – The Chair stated that for the past couple of years, the Muscogee County Library Board and Muscogee County Library Foundation have been working to improve communications between the two entities. A letter to the Library Board Chair from the Chair of the Muscogee County Library Foundation was distributed to all the members. The letter from the Foundation requested a seat on the Muscogee County Library Board as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Meridith Jarrell asked if ex-officio members served on committees. Ms. Muller stated they do not. Rick Covington asked exactly what would it do. The purpose would be to allow for the Muscogee County Library Foundation to report on Foundation activities and share timely information. Claudya Muller explained that the Friends of Libraries has never had a member serve on the Library Board. She stated that Gary Griesheim is not a Friends appointee to the Board but provides information to the Board on behalf of the Friends because he is a member of the Friends.

Rick Covington moved that the Chair of the Muscogee County Library Foundation Board or his designee and the President of the Friends of Libraries or his designee be appointed as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Muscogee County Library Board. Owen Ditchfield seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Muller explained that the final decision will be made by the Muscogee County Board of Education. She said an agenda item would be sent stating the Library Board's request for the additional ex-officio positions.

#### BOARD EDUCATION

Meridith Jarrell and Owen Ditchfield presented reports on their attendance at the PLA Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March. Both stated they thoroughly enjoyed the conference and brought back a number of ideas. Detailed reports from both individuals were distributed to the Board.

The next meeting of the Muscogee County Library Board will be Thursday, May 24, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.