

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 21, 2015  
Called Meeting  
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Meridith Jarrell	James Dudley	Marion Scott
Carleton Coleman	Kent Illges	Owen Ditchfield
Lori Auten	David Fox	Frank Star

Ex-officios: None

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mary Bode	Len Williams
Edie Evans	
Helene Watson	

OTHERS ATTENDING

Alan Harkness, CVL Director  
Sherry Goodrow, Administrative Assistant to the Director  
Tammy Battley, Operations Coordinator CVL

Chair David Fox called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

MINUTES

The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting. (No quorum June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting) Owen Ditchfield moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Kent Illges seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Committee Recommendation: **Polaris Renewal**

Mrs. Jarrell outlined the Operations Committee Meeting:

- Polaris system converted to back in 2010 is up for renewal at the end of October.
- Renewal is for one year at this point.

- Mr. Harkness explained the system to the Committee and what our options are but there are really no other options at this point.
- Marion Scott asked when the renewal would be presented to the school board. Mr. Harkness said September.
- Mr. Fox asked if there was any further discussion.

Mr. Fox motioned to forward a one year Polaris Renewal to the School District.

**The committee recommendation passed unanimously.**

Operations Committee Recommendation:    **Library Foundation Fundraiser Wine, Women & Shoes**

Mrs. Jarrell outlined the Operations Committee Meeting:

- The Operations Committee met with the representatives from the Library Foundation.
- The Foundation's purpose for the event/fundraiser is to support our library by raising money through:
  1. An Endowment
  2. Hosting fundraisers
- This is a new event and fundraiser for the Columbus Area and for the Library Foundation.
- Wine, Women & Shoes is not a new fundraiser. Foundation members have attended several events one in Auburn, AL and in Destin, FL. They have been money makers. The one in Auburn raised six figures.
- They are an experienced Company and have expertise in advertising and bringing people in to attend the event.
- A license is included and no one else in a certain area radius can host this event/fundraiser.
- This is an event/fundraiser they want to host annually and make bigger.
- The Foundation asked that CPL be closed on Thursday November 12, 2015 for the event. The Operations Committee felt that it would be better to close at 1:00 p.m. and that would give them all afternoon for set up. Thursday is not a big usage day and if vendors need to set up at 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in the morning it will be okay.

Mr. Fox motioned the Operations Committee recommends that the Columbus Public Library close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday November 12, 2015.

**The committee recommendation passed unanimously.**

Next Meeting of the Muscogee Library Board will be held on Thursday October 22, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 1:22 p.m.