

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2011
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

Members Attending

Frank Star	Gary Griesheim	Mimi Childs
Meridith Jarrell	Owen Ditchfield	Carleton Coleman
Lisa Goodwin	Michelle Griffin	Price Walker, Jr.

Members Excused

M. A. Dowdell	Clark Gillett, Jr.	Cristina Richards
Barbara Mack	Rick Covington	Susan Andrews
Norene Marvets	John Wells	

Others Attending

Claudya Muller, CVL Director
Lyn Anderson, CVL CFO
Debbie McGreggor, Administrative Assistant to the Director
George Nixon, Muscogee County Friends of Libraries President
Tyler Townsend, Muscogee County Library Foundation Chair

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

The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 27, 2011 meeting. Owen Ditchfield stated that on page 3 of the minutes, last paragraph does not mention the proposed establishment of a \$1 million endowment in order to run a new branch proposed by the Woodruff Company. Owen Ditchfield moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Gary Griesheim seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Gary Griesheim reported that the Friends continues to grow with 500+ members. He stated the leadership of the Friends has changed to a new President of the organization in George Nixon.

Mr. Griesheim said it is the main goal of the Friends to provide funding for programs for the libraries. He stated that instead of two book sales there will only be one book sale in 2012 and it will be in April.

Mimi Childs asked how much funding the Friends provided to the libraries in 2011. Mr. Griesheim said it was approximately \$60,000.

The Chair recognized George Nixon, President of the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries. Mr. Nixon presented Mimi Childs with a Friends tote bag in appreciation of her years of service to the Muscogee County Library Board. Ms. Childs' term on the Muscogee County Library Board ends December 31, 2011.

The Chair also recognized Ms. Childs with a presentation of two books added to the Southern Literature Collection in honor of Ms. Childs' service on the Library Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson reviewed the financials for Period 4 with the Board. He stated that revenues are slightly ahead of budget. Owen Ditchfield asked about donations from the Muscogee County Library Foundation. Mr. Anderson the library has not requested anything from the Foundation yet. Mr. Anderson reported that the expenses are also in line for the period. Mimi Childs moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Price Walker, Jr. seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Muller stated that the library is now accepting credit card payments for fines and fees. Owen Ditchfield asked how it was being publicized that credit card payments are now accepted. Ms. Muller stated it is currently only by word-of-mouth.

Ms. Muller reported that Henry McCoy, Programming & Communications Coordinator, recently attended a program at the Kennedy Space Center in conjunction with the launch of the rocket Curiosity. She stated the program was extremely interesting and provided the attendees with a wealth of information for future programs.

Ms. Muller informed the Board that the Public Library Association (PLA) conference will be coming up in March and will be in Philadelphia. She informed the Board that a brief outline of programs will be emailed to them today and asked that they let her know by next week if they are interested in attending.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Operations Committee – There were two recommendations to come before the Board.

Job Swap—CPL Children's Department Head – This swap would allow Lyn Seaman to relinquish her current position of Interim Children's Department Head

and return to her position of Early Literacy Initiative (ELI) Librarian. Kristina Gardner would take the position of CPL Children’s Department Head. **The recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Policy Revision—GOV10—Advertising, Promotions & Materials – The purpose of this revision was to combine policies in order to provide for a more clear and reasonable policy. **The recommendation was approved unanimously.**

Library Foundation Report -- The Chair recognized Tyler Townsend, Muscogee County Library Foundation Chair. Mr. Townsend gave a brief overview of the Foundation and its efforts to support the Library. He stated the Foundation is extremely proud of the Library and the Foundation is proud to be a supporter of the Library.

He explained to the Board that the Foundation Board members, as part of their agreement to serve on the Board, are 100% contributing members to the Foundation. He asked the Chair to consider this same thing when Muscogee County Library Board members by asking them to be contributing members to the Library Foundation.

Nominating Committee – Gary Griesheim of the Nominating Committee provide the proposed 2012 Slate of Officers as follows.

Chair	Frank Star
Vice Chair	Price Walker, Jr.
Treasurer	M. A. Dowdell
Secretary	Cristina Richards

The recommendation passed unanimously.

CHAIR’S REPORT -- There was none.

BOARD EDUCATION -- The Four Square presentation originally scheduled by Linda Hyles was postponed until the January meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.