

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2009
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

Members Attending

Frank Star	Bobsie Swift
Jimmy Elder	Gary Griesheim
Lisa Goodwin	Mimi Childs
Barbara Kamensky	Price Walker, Jr.

Members Excused

Kelly Pridgen	Barbara Mack
M. A. Dowdell	Clark Gillette, Jr.
Susan Andrews	Pat Hugley-Green
John Wells	

Others Attending

Claudya Muller, CVL Director
Robin Shader, CVL Chief of Public Service
Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer
Gary Wortley, CVL Chief Operations Officer
Linda Hyles, CVL Marketing Coordinator
Suzanne Barnes, CVL CLASS Coordinator
Debbie McGregor, Administrative Assistance to the Director
Bobbie Newman, CVL Digital Branch Manager

In the absence of Kelly Pridgen, Vice Chair Frank Star conducted the meeting.

Vice-Chair Star called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

The Vice-Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the April 23, 2009 meeting. Price Walker, Jr. moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lisa Goodwin seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Gary Griesheim reported that the Friends of Libraries will be holding a book sale on July 18 and 19. He informed the Board the Friends would be accepting donations of books in preparation for the book sale.

Mr. Griesheim informed the Board that a donated book recently brought \$240 through an online auction. He reported that the Friends is using a service similar to eBay to help them sell rare books.

Mr. Griesheim reported the Friends Budget Committee has drafted their budget for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. He stated that they are projecting a 75% increase in funding for programs from 2008. He also stated they plan to increase volunteer funds by 15%.

The Vice Chair recognized Robin Shader. Ms. Shader introduced the new Digital Branch Manager to the Library Board. She is Bobbi Newman and is from Missouri.

BOARD EDUCATION

CLASS Technology Update – Suzanne Barnes provided an update on CLASS technology to the Board. She showed them the type recorder CLASS customers have been using for many years. The recorder is quite bulky and weighs approximately 7 pounds. The cassettes that contain the books are also rather large and she stated that it could take as many as 11 cassettes for one book. Ms. Barnes then showed the Board the newest model of recorders to be used. This model weighs only 2 pounds and the cassettes can hold more than one book. She said the latest model is much more user friendly for individuals to use.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson reviewed the Period 10 Financials with the Board. He stated that both revenue and expenses are on target for the period. Jimmy Elder moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Gary Griesheim seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Claudya Muller added the following to her previously distributed report.

1. All four library branches in Muscogee County received Gold Stars for cleanliness presented by Plant Services. She stated that this is the highest award Plant Services awards.
2. The silent auction was held at the Mildred L. Terry Public Library. Approximately \$2,000 was received so far.
3. A rise in circulation at the Columbus Public Library has occurred due to the closing of the old Mildred L. Terry Public Library in order to move into the new

4. facility. Also, the North Columbus Public Library has been closed in order to complete the air condition repairs at that branch.

Ms. Muller distributed an article depicting some of the new book dispensing machines that are now on the market. She told the Board these would be excellent in hospitals, large corporations, community centers, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: The Finance Committee brought two recommendations to the Board.

1. The Finance Committee recommended the approval of the renewal of the contract with Angel Security. This contract was for 5 years and this will be the final year of the contract. **The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.**
2. The Finance Committee recommended the approval of the 2009/2010 Budget. **The Board voted unanimously to approve the budget.** (Copy attached to these minutes.)

Operations: The Operations Committee brought three recommendations to the Board.

1. The Committee recommended changes to the MNG4—Facilities Use Policy. The main change to the policy was to include outdoor spaces. **The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation as corrected.**
2. The Committee recommended changes to the libraries' hours of operation and asking that the changed hours remain in place until such time as the materials budget reaches an acceptable range in relation to library standards. **The Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.**
3. The Committee recommended the approval of Mr. Firmen Sowers, Angel Security, as the new café operator. **The Board approved the recommendation unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS – There was none.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – There was none.

The next meeting of the Muscogee County Library Board will be held at the Mildred L. Terry Public Library at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.