

Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2010
Columbus Public Library

Minutes

Members Attending

Jimmy Elder	Price Walker, Jr.	Barbara Mack
Lisa Goodwin	Gary Griesheim	Clark Gillett, Jr.
M. A. Dowdell	Barbara Kamensky	

Members Excused

Bobsie Swift	Frank Star	Susan Andrews
Mimi Childs	Pat Hugley-Green	John Wells
Owen Ditchfield	Rick Covington	

Others Attending

Claudya Muller, CVL Director
Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer
Debbie McGreggor, Administrative Assistant to the Director
Newt Aaron, Newton Aaron & Associates

In the absence of Chair Frank Star, Vice Chair Jimmy Elder conducted the meeting.

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Elder asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 25, 2010 meeting. Lisa Goodwin moved the minutes be approved as presented. Gary Griesheim seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Gary Griesheim reported that the book sale in February was a great success. He stated that in addition to the successful book sale, membership has increased to more than 400 members. He said the Friends are gearing up for another book sale and asked Trustees to keep them in mind when getting rid of books they no longer want.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson reviewed the Treasurer's Report which was distributed to all members prior to the meeting. He stated that both revenue and expenses are in line for the period. Gary Griesheim moved the Treasurer's Report be approved. Lisa Goodwin seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was distributed to the Trustees prior to the meeting. The Vice Chair asked Ms. Muller if she had anything to add to her report. Ms. Muller stated that the library has been approached to participate in the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the Spring of 2011. She stated the library would be the umbrella for other agencies. Discussion was held on exactly what type of events and programs were planned for the Sesquicentennial. Ms. Muller reviewed a number of programs that will be offered through Columbus State University, Civil War Naval Museum, Andersonville, etc. She stated that Peter Bowden (Columbus Visitors Bureau) and Bruce Smith (Director of the Confederate Naval Museum) are members of the steering committee. The Board was in agreement that if the event was done in a scholarly fashion, they thought it would be a good idea. Price Walker, Jr. moved to support the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War project involvement. Clark Gillett, Jr. seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Muller stated she had spoken with the Chair of the Finance Committee and asked that that committee's April meeting be changed to Monday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Muller distributed updated Muscogee County public library benefit statistics to the Board.

The Vice Chair asked that Newt Aaron provide an update to the Board on the progress on the removal of asphalt behind the library. Mr. Aaron distributed a document outlining the process required to remove the asphalt and add grass to the area located behind the library. A copy of the process is a part of these minutes. After reviewing the process with the Board, he indicated groundbreaking should begin in approximately 60 days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – Ms. Muller reported revised goals will be taken to the Regional Board in April.

NEW BUSINESS

Director's Evaluation – Ms. Muller asked Debbie McGregor to explain the evaluation process to the Board. Ms. McGregor stated that she had discussed the process with Chairman Star and the following is the process for the evaluation.

1. Evaluation forms will be sent to all direct reports of Ms. Muller and all county board chairs. They will complete the forms and return them directly to Chair Frank Star.
2. The Chair will compile all of the evaluations into one document.
3. Once all documents have been compiled, the Chair and Ms. Muller for review.

Lisa Goodwin asked if the board members would be involved in the process. Ms. Muller stated that they could be and that it was up to Chair Star. Debbie McGreggor will consult with the Chair to see if he wishes to involve all board members in the process. Upon completion, the signed document will be sent to Dr. Andrews.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Elder reviewed the mock up of the plaque to be placed in the stairway being dedicated to David Rothschild II. He stated that library staff recommended Mr. Rothschild's name be in the same large print as the name of the stairway. The board was in agreement. Lisa Goodwin moved to approve the plaque with the change in size of Mr. Rothschild's name. Barbara Mack seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

BOARD EDUCATION -- Robin Shader's report on statistics will be brought before the April meeting.

The next meeting of the Muscogee County Library Board will be on April 22, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.