

**Muscogee County Library Board Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2009
Columbus Public Library**

Minutes

Members Attending

Kelly Pridgen	Bobsie Swift	Mimi Childs
Barbara Mack	Barbara Kamensky	Frank Star
Price Walker, Jr.	Gary Griesheim	Clark Gillett, Jr.
Jimmy Elder	M. A. Dowdell	

Members Excused

Rick Covington

Others Attending

Robin Shader, CVL Chief of Public Service
Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer
Henry McCoy, CVL Program Manager
Debbie McGreggor, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Chair Kelly Pridgen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The Chair asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting. Frank Star moved the minutes be approved as presented. Jimmy Elder seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was none.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES

Gary Griesheim announced that the Friends of Libraries will be having a book sale on February 7th and 8th. He reported that the Library Bookstore continues to do well and that they are continuing to work with Jim Shehy to look for volunteers.

BOARD EDUCATION/ORGANIZATION

Henry McCoy, CVL Program Manager, gave the Board a summary of the statistics for the “381 Days—The Montgomery Bus Boycott” Smithsonian exhibit. He reported that over 10,000 people visited the exhibit during its 10-week stay. Of this number, over 1,000 were children who came as part of an organized school field trip. There were also several after-school youth groups who visited the exhibit of their own volition.

The library system, through its two support groups (the Muscogee County Library Foundation and the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries) received over \$45,000 in contributions dedicated exclusively to “381 Days” from AARP Georgia, CB&T, the Georgia Humanities Council and the support group themselves. Mr. McCoy reported that the “381 Days” exhibit was a major success through every statistical measure.

Mr. McCoy announced to the Board that The Big Read will return to Columbus in March. Through a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts and the Muscogee County Friends of Libraries, the library will be encouraging everyone to read “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.” There are several special events planned in conjunction with The Big Read.

Numerous other programs are in the works in upcoming months, i.e. “Knowledge is Power: Improving Your Health and Well-Being” health series, famed author and humorist Roy Blount, Jr. will have a book signing, two special film festivals in the spring, lecture series on musical topics and the vacation reading program.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Committee chair, M. A. Dowdell, deferred to Lyn Anderson, CVL Chief Financial Officer, for the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Anderson reviewed the Period 6 Financials with the Board and stated that both revenue and expenses were in line for the period. Frank Star moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Bobsie Swift seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Robin Shader, CVL Chief of Public Service, reported that Cathy Michaud, Children’s Librarian, applied for and received a grant, Picture America, through the National Endowment for the Arts. Ms. Shader stated that the artwork received through this grant will remain at the library and may be displayed as the library chooses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mildred L. Terry Public Library Plaques – Discussion was held on the proposed dedication plaque and planning process plaque to be hung in the new Mildred L. Terry Public Library. Mimi Childs moved to approve the plaques as presented and to include ex-officio members of the board. **Jimmy Elder seconded the motion.** The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – The Operations Committee brought two committee recommendations to the board.

1. CPL Branch Manager Position – The Board unanimously **approved this recommendation.**
2. Operating Policy INF3—Computer/Internet Use – **The Board unanimously approved the recommendation.** During discussion, Clark Gillett and Jimmy Elder voiced concern that the wording was not clear enough. Ms. Shader stated that the procedures to this policy would address these concerns. Jimmy Elder stated that he would like to see it stated more clearly in the policy itself. He asked if the committee could re-address this policy taking into consider these concerns. Mimi Childs stated that the committee could address the concerns that had been brought forth. Jimmy Elder moved to allow the recommendation as approved by the Board and that the Operations Committee readdresses this policy to more clearly define the actions allowed staff members. Clark Gillett seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Conflict of Interest – Debbie McGreggor informed the board members that the Conflict of Interest Affidavits would be emailed to them and asked them to sign them and return them to her.

CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair reminded the board members that the American Library Association Conference will be held in July in Chicago. She stated that there are funds available for registration and urged members interested in attending to register early.

The Chair stated that the 2009 Committee Assignments had been mailed to all board members. She said that if anyone cannot make meetings of committees they were assigned to, to please call her and let her know if there are other committees they could work on that would better fit their schedules.