

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting
January 20, 2022 – 5:30pm – Virtual meeting via GoToMeeting

In attendance was: Tricia Henson, Chair, LaRae Moore, Todd Robinson, Jenny Boling, Vanna Lynch. Staff attending were: Alan Harkness, Director, and Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:33pm.
- II. Approval of October 14, 2021 Minutes** – Motion by Todd Robinson, Second by Jenny Boling. Unanimous approval by Henson, Moore, Robinson and Boling (Lynch had yet to arrive)
- III. Public Comment – There was none
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Director Harkness updated the board on the revenues and expenditures. Many funding agencies have paid for the year.
- V. Director’s Report – Harkness mentioned that Cusseta was coming along and shared some pictures on its progress. He also mentioned that due to construction price increases that the South Branch would be 23% more than anticipated, or about \$1.2M. Interviews for the new Administrative Specialist take place on February second. Harkness also stated that the Health Department was providing covid vaccines at the Columbus Public Library on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Harkness also mentioned that the library had updated its procedures for Materials Reconsideration process. The form is now available on-line (previously was only available by asking a staff member for it) on the policy for Materials Reconsideration. The form now clearly includes the process, including timelines, so that customers may know what to expect. He also reminded the board that it is the next level of consideration, should a customer want to appeal a decision made by staff about library materials. Harkness offered to send board members more information about intellectual freedom.
- VI. Unfinished Business – there was none
- VII. New Business – there was none
- VIII. County Library Trustee Report
 - i. Cusseta-Chattahoochee County – Lynch mentioned the community’s excitement about their new building

- ii. Marion County – The board is considering a new library and is in the beginning stages of exploring that the might entail. Henson thanked Harkness for conducting board training for the Marion Board in November.
- iii. Muscogee County – Moore indicated that Harkness had shown the board some early design ideas for the South Branch and all were excited about the progress
- iv. Stewart County – Boling indicated that the Parks branch had hired a new staff member. They had also received an unsolicited grant from the Kirbo Foundation for \$10,000. The branch has elected to require all customers to be masked. Finally a lot of customers were coming into the library to look for work by using the computers.

Other comments- Chair Henson reminded everyone that free covid tests were available to order online, and Boling asked Harkness for the times of the vaccinations at the Columbus Public Library.

- IX. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55.