

Marion County Library Board Meeting Thursday,
October 10, 2024 – 4:30 pm
Marion County Public Library

In attendance:

Seleta Rogers, Chair
Keisa Rembert, Vice Chair
Debby Ford, Secretary
Cindy Haulk

Also: Alan Harkness, Director, CVL
Bailey Carter, MCLP Branch Manager
Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist

I. Call to Order

Chair Rogers called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM

II. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment

III. Approval of the minutes from April 11, 2024

Chair Rogers asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2024, meeting. The motion was made by Ford to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Rembert. Passed unanimously by Rogers, Rembert, Ford, and Haulk.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Manager Carter presented the treasurer's report. Manager explained that certain maintenance contracts come due at the beginning of the fiscal year and that is why those expenses were higher in August and September. Manager Carter also noted that they have not yet received the funds due from the city. The present account balance is \$19,364.58.

V. Director's Report

Director Alan Harkness presented the director's report. The South Columbus Public Library Grand Opening will be held on October 19, 2024. Director Harkness invited all of the board members to come to this event. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free food, and all kinds of activities. In the first week of the soft opening of SCPL, they had over 2,000 visitors and over 100 new library card sign-ups.

The Muscogee Library Foundation will be having their annual fundraising, Cocktails & Comedy, on November 14th, 2024. The comedian this year is Andrew Stanley, son of the famous preacher, Charles Stanley. Director Harkness wanted to let the board know that his Deputy Director Gabriel Lundeen has resigned, and he will be looking for a new Deputy Director.

Director Harkness introduced everyone to a collaboration with GPLS called the Palace Project. It is a large database available to CVL patrons with e-books and other great resources.

VI. Local Library Report

Manager Carter gave her local library report. Manager Carter wanted to inform the board that she is collecting data to see if they could reduce the charge of twenty cents per copy to ten cents per copy, since the rest of the libraries in the system only charge ten cents.

Manager Carter presented some of the new programs that she has introduced such as Teen Cinema Club, Back to School Swag Bags, a collaboration with Literacy Alliance, a Pollinator Polluza Event, and a Cosplay Class. They have had 44 new library card signups. Simple Steps Story time has been very popular with a regular set of kids and caregivers attending. They will be introducing a Seed Library and having a Plant Pot Painting Class. She is also planning a Floral Design Class. The library, in collaboration with the Pastoral Institute, will be hosting a Metal Wellness Seminar for teens. They will be making DIY mental wellness kits.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business

VIII. New Business

i. **Vote to appoint Roger Presnell as the new Treasurer.**

Chair Rogers asked for a motion to elect Roger Presnell as the new board treasurer.

Debby Ford made the motion to elect Roger Presnell as the new board treasurer.

Keisa Rembert seconded the motion. Passed unanimously by Rogers, Rembert, Ford, and Haulk.

IX. Chair Report

Chair Rogers did not have a report.

X. Board Education – None

XI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place on January 9, 2025.

XII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM