

Hall County Library System
August 30, 2021 Board Minutes
Gainesville Library – 6:00pm

Present:

Killian Edwards – Chair
Mollie Stowe – Vice-Chair
Maryellen Cosgrove
Dr. John Delzell
Madison Gee
Rebecca Hamby
Gary Hulion
Cathryn Bennett Smith

Absent:

Taylor Ewing
Jamie Lovett
Kathy Cooper – Ex-Officio

Other:

Lisa MacKinney – Library Director
Lydia Hahne – Business Manager

Chairman Killian Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00pm with a quorum.

Chairman Edwards entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the August 30, 2021 library board meeting. Mollie Stowe made the motion. Gary Hulion seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Edwards entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the May 24, 2021 library board meeting. Maryellen Cosgrove made the motion. Cathryn Bennett Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Library Director Lisa MacKinney reviewed the preliminary financial reports for June 30, 2021 and July 31, 2021. Director MacKinney presented recommended budget adjustments to balance the FY21 budget. Chair Edwards entertained a motion to approve the recommended budget adjustments to balance the FY21 budget. Gary Hulion made the motion. Dr. John Delzell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Director MacKinney presented recommended budget amendments to the FY22 budget and recommended fund balance allocation for FY22. Chair Edwards entertained a motion to approve the recommended budget adjustments and the recommended fund balance allocation for FY22. Gary Hulion made the motion. Cathryn Bennett Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director MacKinney reviewed the Director's Report. The statistical report was reviewed. The digital statistics continue to increase. Storytime started back in person this summer. 1.2 million minutes were read in the summer reading program. The Library joined GADD which will allow the Library to share a collection of E-books. The Blackshear Place carpet/paint project has been pushed back to FY23; however, its roof is scheduled to be replaced in FY22. The Library updated the grant application packet for the East Hall Library Project. The project is #7 on the state's draft recommended list of capital projects. The Spout Springs Library and the Murrayville Library are scheduled to receive new HVAC units in FY22. The Friends of the Library will be hosting a Dark and Stormy Nights Ghost Storytelling event in October. The Friends also plan to have a book sale in November.

Under old business, Director MacKinney gave a Covid-19 update. The Library is fully opened and will continue to offer curbside appointments. The Library is not requiring the public to wear masks, but recommending its patrons to wear masks. 70-80% of the library staff have been vaccinated.

Director MacKinney gave an update regarding the McCrary easy book area. The McCrary honor signage for the easy book area has been ordered. The McCrary family and Jerry Castleberry are delighted with the honor and have been very helpful in working out the sign wording.

Under new business, Director MacKinney informed the Board that their board packet included the FY22 board roster, FY22 committee information form, and the FY22 board meeting schedule. Chair Edwards requested the board to complete and submit their committee preferences to her or Director MacKinney. After the committee forms have been submitted, Chair Edwards will be assigning the committees.

Director MacKinney announced that the next scheduled board meeting would be on November 16, 2021 at 6pm.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Maryellen Cosgrove made the motion. Mollie Stowe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Killian Edwards, Secretary

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