

Hall County Library System
November 16, 2021 Board Minutes
Gainesville Library – 6:00 pm

Present:

Killian Edwards – Chair
Mollie Stowe – Vice Chair
Taylor Ewing
Jamie Lovett
Madison Gee
Cathryn Bennett Smith
Dr. John Delzell
Rebecca Hamby

Absent:

Maryellen Cosgrove
Gary Hulion
Kathy Cooper – Ex-Officio

Other:

Lisa MacKinney – Library Director
Adrienne Junius – Assistant Director
Emily Braselton – Administrative Assistant
Gail Hogan

Chair Killian Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with a quorum.

Chair Edwards entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the November 16, 2021 library board meeting. Mollie Stowe made the motion. Madison Gee seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edwards entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the August 30, 2021 library board meeting. Taylor Ewing made the motion. Dr. John Delzell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Director Lisa MacKinney reviewed the financial report. As of 9/30/2021, the impact fee balance is \$566,500. Director MacKinney stated that the library is being conservative with the impact fee balance in case of unforeseen emergencies. Director MacKinney informed the board that there has been interest at the state level in having e-material resources possibly coming out of impact fees in the future.

Revenue is doing well, and is higher than projected. Director MacKinney stated that the library is hoping to get a state grant to match the \$75,000 put aside at the previous board meeting for renovation projects such as new flooring and study rooms at the Blackshear Place library. Cathryn Bennett Smith asked if the current cost of construction materials would affect renovation projects. Director MacKinney stated that renovation plans might have to be pushed back if costs for materials were too high, but that the library is looking to begin these projects in fiscal year 2023, and the hope is that prices will be more stable then.

Director MacKinney then gave an update on the Friends of the Library. The Friends made around \$3,300 from their November book sale. These funds go to support the library's Summer Reading Program and

other programs. Director MacKinney stated that another \$1,000 could come from Thrift Books, which partners with the library to sell books online. Chair Edwards asked how this year's book sale revenue compares to past years. Director MacKinney stated that, considering that the Friends also held a book sale in June, the Friends are a little ahead on book sale revenue this year.

Director MacKinney informed the board that the Friends program "A Dark and Stormy Night" did well. It was a sold-out event, and the library has received a lot of great feedback about the program. Director MacKinney also informed the board that the Friends café committee had received a total of five RFPs for the Spout Springs café space, and had narrowed them down to two. She hoped to know more about their final choice in December.

Under old business, Director MacKinney gave a COVID-19 update. She stated that programming, which had been pushed back to October, has been doing very well. Dr. John Delzell asked Lisa MacKinney if she had heard anything about a state mandate for vaccinations. Director MacKinney stated that she has not heard anything yet, but may find out more at the upcoming director's meeting.

Also under old business, Director MacKinney gave an update on the fund balance project. Two of the library system's parking lots have been restriped. New tables were purchased for the meeting room at Spout Springs. Inventory wands and self-checkouts have been ordered, but have not been shipped yet.

Under new business, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to approve the removal of the items on the recommended surplus list from library inventory. These items are ten folding tables and three study tables. Cathryn Bennett Smith made the motion. Mollie Stowe seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Edwards then reviewed fiscal year FY22 library board committee appointments.

In the Director's report, Director MacKinney spoke about library's LEAD program for employees, which Assistant Director Adrienne Junius is heading. Director MacKinney also informed the board that there are early discussions at the state level for PLAY cards, which would give school children access to PINES library cards when their parent/guardian filled out their paperwork at the beginning of the school year. Taylor Ewing asked if this had been done in other parts of the state. Director MacKinney said that several pilot programs have done very well. Discussions about PLAY cards will probably take place after the holidays.

With no other business to discuss, Chair Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. Taylor Ewing made the motion. Cathryn Bennett Smith seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Killian Edwards

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