

Parnell Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

Roll and Minutes: previous month's minutes were not available

In Attendance: Cathy Bearden, Diane Landers, Marissa Wilson, Frank Barrientes, newest board member

Called to Order: Cathy Bearden

Minutes: not available

Correspondence:

Thank you notes sent for the donations given for Spencer Sears.

Treasurer's Report:

In the "New Directors" training that Marissa attended in December, she found out that other libraries in the state do not review a treasurer's report. We will vote on it next month. Marissa is good either way.

Library Director's Report:

December was a great month! A lot of activities and events were well attended. Marissa also went to a "New Directors" training offered through the State. There are 15 new directors in the state, and they talked about policy and programming. Marissa and two other Staff members will go to Montgomery on 1/11 to help them prepare for Summer Reading "Adventure into Your Library" which will focus on outdoor activities like camping, biking, hiking, and traveling.

The library's float won the Christmas Spirit Award at the Christmas parade.

Report from City Council: none

Report from Library Foundation:

The Foundation will meet 1/16 to approve the Summer Reading budget. Frank Barrientes offered to go to the quarterly meetings on the board's behalf. Marissa will double check with Kellie Wyatt to see if it is still necessary to have a PML board member attend. It has been our understanding that the Foundation would like us to have a 'voting' member, and it be the same person each time.

Old Business:

After the physical repairs are done, drainage, gutters, etc. the City will look at adding the Fire Exit Door Children's area. The grant we were awarded by the ALA Disabilities Grant expires in the Spring.

Will return to update library policies.

New Business:

The city has added another \$10,000 to the library to help with building repairs and maintenance, for example, lights, plumbing, hot water heater.

A company owned by Sherrie Van De Leese (sp?) has generously offered to donate paint and paint the meeting room.

Jodie Tedeton has been hired as a part-time program coordinator. She will help run the Homeschool Hub and other programs. Jodie will also head the TAD, teen advisory board, coming this spring. The idea is to get rising 7-12 graders as volunteers, earning service hours to help with the programming, Summer Reading, etc. A part-time evening and Saturday person has also been hired.

Marissa will speak at the Montevillo Middle School on 1/23. Parents and students for all schools could be at this event, and Marissa will let them know about the programs at the library and Summer reading, and that there is more to the library than just checking out books.

Announcement and Adjournment:

Enjoyed meeting Frank and having him as a part of the board! He is a long time Montevillo resident who is involved and cares about the community.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024

Attendee panel closed