Dade County Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Board Vice-President Kathie Blackwell.

Present were the Library Director: LaNita Hackney; and trustees: Kathie Blackwell, Sherry Gillespie. Angela Myers, and Theresa Johnson. Connie Roseman was absent.

The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved as read with the correction of the spelling of Kathie’s name.

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Beginning balance was $197,034.70. After deposits of $3174.16, and interest income of $14.37, minus expenses of $17,203.78, the ending adjusted balance is $183,019.45. Angela moved we accept the treasurer’s report, it was seconded by Sherry. The motion was approved, 4-0.

The Director’s Report:

Old Business:

* LaNita has been in contact with Mediacom again trying to clear up disputed charges and clear up our account because of the modems that were returned. In dispute is a “back bill” of $604.00, but only $29.72 should be owed for January and February.
* The book inventory is progressing: LP Westerns, Youth Fiction, and Guideposts are complete with corrections. Juvenile except for non-fiction is also complete, along with three quarters of the Christian Fiction regular print. Savannah and Ellee are excellent help. Three students from Greenfield High School do well when they are able to come on Wednesdays for 30 to 45 minutes.
* An advertisement for a Substitute Librarian was placed in The Shopper and The Vedette. Three people have shown an interest in the position. Applications will be taken until Friday, March 11.
* March Story Hour was held on Monday, March 7 with 4 children, 2 Things and 2 Cat in the Hats in attendance. Children listened to The Lorax and made Truffula trees, played Suess Bingo and colored the Lorax. The children had fun and requested the staff come to their next birthday parties.
* Theresa Johnson has joined the Board of Trustees after being confirmed by the County Commissioners.
* On Friday, February 25th, library staff arrived to discover a leak that showed up on the ceiling. It was the drip pan on one of the furnaces that was overflowing due to the blower not working. KB Mechanical came and investigated and replaced the blower. That was the day the city water pump also went out, so there was no water and bathrooms were blocked off. The parking lot was salted as there was ice.

New Business:

* Connie Roseman’s trustee term is up this year, Theresa Johnson’s ends in 2023, Kathie Blackwell’s ends in 2024, and Angela Myers and Sherry Gillespie’s are up in 2025. Terms will renew for four years.
* One Moxie 21 Hotspots has not been returned and service has been discontinued. The person moved to Lockwood. Letters have been sent.
* Mike Minks will continue the mowing this year.
* Simmons Bank information is being updated with Sherry added as Treasurer and Patricia Kreissler removed.
* After discussion, Angela made a motion that Substitute Librarians be paid $8/hour. Sherry seconded the motion and it passed, 4-0.
* The annual financial and library reports are in progress, the county will receive theirs in March, and the state before June.
* The main entrance was discussed but no decisions made on the update.
* After discussion, Theresa Johnson moved that a desk clock be ordered and presented to Patricia Kreissler for her many years of service on the Board of Trustees. Angela seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.
* After discussion and examination of the jackets purchased for the staff, Angela made a motion that jackets also be ordered for the Board Members. Sherry seconded the motion and it passed 4-0. Colors and sizes will be determined via e-mail and jackets ordered by LaNita.
* Angela suggested there be a bookmark design contest and provided a sample instruction sheet from a nearby library.
* Angela also suggested we might exhibit works by local artists in the computer room. LaNita said she will look into how such work might be displayed and we would discuss it in the future. It was suggested one artist per month be highlighted.

After discussion of additional bills added to the ledger to AT&T Mobility and KB Mechanical, Kathie moved we pay the bills. Theresa seconded the motion and it passed, 4-0.

Kathie moved the meeting be adjourned, and Sherry seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Myers

Board Secretary