

CLAYTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 14, 2022

Time: 6:00 pm

Facilitator: Chair Mapillar Dahn called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.
Dr. Falomi offered the prayer.

In Attendance

Brenda Harrison, Mapillar Dahn, Crystal Perry, Brenda Pridgen, Andrea Wade, Carolyn Boone, Dr. Lawanda Falomi and Director Rosalind Lett.

Absent

Dr. Darryal McCullough, Dr. Yvette Dupree, Dr. Chantara Carter 1 Vacancy

Prior to the next agenda item, Chair Dahn read a statement to the board, staff and the public. The statement is attached to these meeting minutes.

New member introduction Andrea Wade introduced herself to the Board, Director Lett, staff and the public.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Perry to approve the agenda with the changes to table both the items for discussing live streaming and nominations for officers. The motion was 2nd by Falomi.
Approved

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the May 14, 2022, minutes made by Perry and 2nd by Falomi. Approved

Public Comment

No public comments

Director and Assistant Directors' Reports

Deputy Director Parham was out of town and was not at the meeting however he did submit his report to the board. He stated that the library is waiting for the BOC to approve the money for the sliding door for the branches. Director Lett updated us on some of the items from his report. This information was stated during her report.

Assistant Director Ruphina Ozoh has been very active. There are health stations at some of the branches. Kimberly is in charge of Health Literacy. The Forest Park Branch is working on including the Vietnam and Spanish Churches into the programming due to the diverse community that is in Forest Park. On June 18th at Lee Street Park the library will be participating in the Juneteenth celebration. The outreach program is very successful in reaching out to the community. We are still work on getting a table set up in the Department of Motor Vehicle with the assistance of Trustee Falomi.

Assistant Director Rebecca James there were no question on Rebecca's report. Vice Chair Perry congratulated youth services on the outstanding work that is being done. The summer reading program is into its 5th year with the Metro Mayors Reading Club for toddlers and preschoolers will take place at the Headquarters and Northwest locations other branches are to follow through out June and July. The Eye and Dental event was an overwhelming success. The public would like to see it happen again. Alliance Theater has partnered with the library and will do a performance of Rub and Nub on the June 23rd. The 360 food program did not had enough staffing to service all 6 branches. Lovejoy and Morrow and Northwest are not pickup sites.

Belinda Eleby is assisting with Clayton State University in a literacy session for girls that will take place on June 19th thru June 25th. Operation HOPE will have a class on cryptocurrency. We are waiting for it to roll out. Belinda will let the board know about other Operation HOPE projects. There will be a meeting on the 15th with the Veda Brown and the Sisters Empowerment Network along with other organizations to discuss the needs of the community and what we can do to help other agencies that include the school system, police department and local businesses.

Marquita Gooch-Voyd informed us that the use of the HotSpot is up. T-Mobile is offering Hot Spots to school aged children as well. The library has a new data base with prebuilt courses for the public to take advantage of.

Director Lett informed the board that the Tuskegee Airmen Camp had reached out to continue the partnership they have with the library. The group from the Airmen were at the Northwest Branch to talk about drone training with the kids. There are jobs with drones for the future. The expansion of the Riverdale branch computer lab is almost completed. Vice Chair asked the director about the Fish concept. Director Lett explained that it is a marketing concept and motivation builder based on providing wonderful customer service. Also the book *Who Moved My Cheese* that teaches the change will come and how to adjust to change. Director Lett and Deputy Director Parham will be attending a conference in DC this month and will learn more about opportunities and grants that are available to all library systems. We have recently received a grant from HUD in the amount of \$187,000 to purchase a Bookmobile in addition the Northwest Branch received a \$20,000 for a program on Men's Health. Director Lett is working with Parks and Recreation to have the Spivey Splash as a part of our PASS program as we have with the ZOO and State Parks. The patrons will be able to check out the passes to attend the park. A grant was applied for a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to introduce the citizen to the film industry so they can be informed about the opportunities that exist in the film industry. The repairs to the Forest Park branch is still waiting for contractor bids.

Financial Reports there were not questions about the report. The county books have been closed out. We are currently in the process of finalizing the finance report for the state of GA. It will be completed by June 30th. There was a motion to approved made by Perry and 2nd by Falomi. Approved.

Committee Reports

The bylaws state specific committees be formed. They are as follows:

Public Relations Committee which Vice Chair is doing an amazing job with.

Advocacy Committee which will work with spear heading any communication with lawmakers and officials.

Bylaws Committee will only have to act when there are changes that are needed in the bylaws.

Nominating Committee will be active in the month of July for the purpose of nominating new officers for the board of trustees.

Unfinished Business

The update of the Friends of the Library will be discussed at the July meeting.

New Business

The bylaws in reference to live streaming will be reviewed to see if there are any amendments that are needed. Trustees Falomi and Wade volunteered to do the review and present findings at the July meeting.

Dr. Falomi suggested that the board members have business cards and name tags. There was no motion nor vote on it.

The nominations for new board officers will be discussed at the July meeting.

Executive Session

There was an executive session for personnel matters

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Perry and 2nd by Boone. Approved