

Parnell Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes for 02/08/2021

Called to Order Cathy Bearden called the meeting to order

Roll and Minutes – Cathy Bearden, Coach Bobby Pierson Diane Landers, Linda Farris, Christi King & Savannah Kitchens were in attendance via **Zoom**. This is our first meeting since March 9, 2020 because of the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown.

Correspondence - none

Treasurer's Report

Discovered the Treasurer's report hasn't been coming monthly as it had in the past. Will talk to Steve Gilbert, the new city manager, about getting a monthly report to Christi.

Library Director's Report

Library re-opened full-time and in-person. In-person programming will most likely resume in the Fall. The numbers for virtual and e-books have jumped. Gave away 1,100 masks during lockdown.

The summer reading program, Tall Tales, will be virtual again this year via Beanstalk a platform funded by the Foundation. Planning for outdoor, virtual and take-home activities.

Signed a contract with Hoopla which will launch on March 1, 2021, patrons in good standing can borrow downloadable movies, tv shows and audio books. This new service is well within our budget.

Launched *Dial-A-Story*, a free service for everyone regardless of having a library card or not. Copyright is handled by a service. Jennifer and Savannah read different stories each month, and bi-lingual stories are also available through a service. The library will be able to count this towards our participation statistics.

Report from City Council

Leila Mitchell is our city liaison. Ms. Mitchell is on the Education, Arts and Outreach committee, and is very supportive. Savannah will extend an invitation for her to join our meetings.

Report from Library Foundation –

Foundation voted over the Summer 2020 to increase money to help the library increase books and programs instead of giving for one big item or event.

Old Business

Story Walk was finally installed!

Library board members were reminded to complete the APLS online Trustee Training "Short Takes" to meet the APLS requirements before the end of 2021.

New Business

Discussed meeting quarterly via Zoom until it is safe to meet in-person again.

Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting

May 12, 2021 4:00pm via Zoom.