

Parnell Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes for 06/14/2021

Called to Order Cathy Bearden called the meeting to order

Roll and Minutes – In Attendance: Cathy Bearden, Coach Bobby Pierson, Diane Landers, Savannah Kitchens and Leila Mitchell our City Council Liaison/Rep

February 8, 2021 minutes approved

Correspondence – The library has received many donations in honor and in memory of Mrs. Mary Sue Sewell Parnell since her passing recently. Each donation is acknowledged with a hand-written note, have been averaging one/week, and are up to 14 now.

Treasurer’s Report

None

Christi was going to get in touch with Steve Gilbert to get more details about a monthly treasurer’s report.

As an aside, because of the generous donations in honor of Mrs. Sewell Parnell the library is well over what would have been received/earned from late fee, copies, etc. if the library had remained open over this last year.

Library Director’s Report

Covid restrictions are relaxed, and library is open as usual, pre-pandemic. However, the patron computers will remain socially distanced, the plexiglass shield at circulation desk will remain up, will leave the hand-sanitizer stations in and around the building, and more cleaning in general will be done.

Little by little the library is being used in-person more, especially as folks get use to being able to get out and about freely. Summer reading is going well and there are program options for everyone-young readers, middle/teens and adults. The new *Book Box* program, a book, craft and snack, has been well received. Crafts have been ‘selling out’ each week. Dial-A-Story has had some guest readers, Mayor Nix and Dr. Vacarella, from UM, for example, and may schedule a few more. But when the Dial-A-Story contract expires it will not be renewed. It was a great Covid/lockdown program though.

Another “Free Little Library” is planned for Dailey Park, the first is in University Park off Hwy 25. Parnell library received a grant for this outreach project to help get books to diverse communities that are not in walking distance of the library. The grant helped purchase children’s books, some bilingual. The “Free Little Libraries” are for everyone though. Someone will go to each once a week, and see if anything needs tweaking.

As part of the Libraries Transforming Communities grant from the ALA, we are updating the meeting room with lightweight mobile tables and chairs. According to Cathy, the original tables and chairs were a donation from UM when the library opened. They are in good shape but require more than one person to move, and don’t suit our needs. The Boys and Girls Club in Montevallo has requested as a donation of 15 chairs and a few tables with the rest going into surplus.

Report from City Council

Ms. Mitchell said the city is still working on the roof repair. The work has slowed down due to all the rain recently.

Report from Library Foundation –

Last summer the Foundation made up the difference of the 25% budget cut which helped us to purchase books and for programs. Thankfully the budget has been restored to its pre-pandemic amount. The Foundation meets on July 20th and will decide then how they will support the library this fiscal year (our fiscal years are not congruent).

Old Business

C.P. and Diane completed their APLS online training but have not received their certifications. Savannah will check into that.

Story Walk is due for a new story. Last story has been in since January.

Fax line is working.

New Business

Motion: move to spend \$2,000.00 given by our State Reps (Weaver, Fridy, Ward) for picture-book easy reader bins (28 total)

Action: All in Favor

Mr. Mac resumes in-person story-time on August 3rd.

Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting

Monday, September 13, 2021, at 4:00pm and resuming monthly meetings till school is out and then we can adjust