

Parnell Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes for 09/20/2021

Called to Order Cathy Bearden called the meeting to order

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

June 14, 2021 minutes approved

Correspondence – None

Treasurer’s Report- None

Savannah reached out to Steve Gilbert and he said he would meet with Christi.

Library Director’s Report

Receiving \$10,000 for our 2022 LSTA grant (\$2,000 matched by the Foundation). This will be used to update our juvenile non-fiction and biography section including Spanish language books.

Summer reading had 103 participants

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored pumpkin decorating contest will run from 10/18-29; patrons get a free pumpkin to decorate and the winner will get a basketful of candy.

Continue to have monthly activities and take-home kits; they’ve gotten good responses.

The Montevallo Drug sponsored free flu shot/vaccine clinic will be on 10/19 from 3-6 pm at the library, it is open to all city employees and the public. Ads/posters will be put up around town soon.

Dial-A-Story is contracted till 2022, and has been a success.

Savannah will attend the Association for Rural and Small Libraries conference in Reno NV from 10/20-23 as part of the Rural Library Fellowship duties who is funding the trip. She is eager to bring back a lot of good, helpful information.

Received a \$2,000 community donation from Rep. Russel Bedsole.

Report from City Council

Ms. Mitchell reported that the city has voted and will pressure wash and clean the sidewalks around Parnell. Ms. Mitchell said she appreciates Savannah and her good reports at every city council meeting.

Report from Library Foundation

Approved to fund the Mini Music & Movement toddler/pre-school program through December and will be meeting this quarter to decide what they will fund for 2022.

Old Business

C.P. and Linda received their certificates for completion of the online training from APLS, Savannah will check on the status of Diane’s.

The fall Story-Walk story will be installed soon, and Twas the Night before Christmas will be the seasonal selection.

Roof repairs complete, and no more leaks.

Mr. Mac and Mini Music & Movement toddler programs have begun on the patio.

The Dailey Park Free Little Library has not been installed yet, but is on the list with Public Works.

The new picture-book browsing bins have help circulation jump +60%

The new furniture for the meeting room has been purchased and is installed, a much-needed improvement.

New Business

ESOL has been booked at the library, a move from UM, and they are ready to go.

Announcements and Adjournment

Next meeting

Monday, October 11, 2021, at 4:00pm