

Parnell Memorial Library
Board Meeting Minutes for 05/09/2022

Called to Order Cathy Bearden called the meeting to order

Roll and Minutes – In Attendance: Diane Landers, Savannah Kitchens, Cathy Bearden, Leila Mitchell, Joyce Lewis, and Coach Pierson.

April 11, 2022 minutes approved

Correspondence – none

Treasurer’s Report – no report to review this month

Library Director’s Report

Savannah submitted an application for a 2023 LSTA collection development grant of \$5,000, to help grow our juvenile and young adult graphic novel collections. The foundation provided the 25% match, and Kathy Davis from Harrison Regional wrote a letter of support. We should hear back in Fall 2022.

Summer Reading begins June 3!

Trying to schedule The Career Readiness programs from the ARP funds

June 9 College prep with Vital Access, a 5013c, for high achieving, low-income students

July 21 HICA (Hispanic Interests Coalition of Alabama) for parents and students, for college and career

CTEC session for vocations has not been scheduled yet

Report from City Council – Savannah was able to go to the 4/19 Education, Arts and Outreach Committee meeting and appreciated learning what all the committees are doing.

Report from Library Foundation

Foundation gave us the required local match for the LSTA grant. Their literary committee provides the books for the Free Little Libraries. The Children’s Musical Theater Camp will be back this summer.

Old Business

The Dailey Park Free Little Library to be installed on May 9, 2022. The books are funded through the Foundation and cover from baby aged to middle-school aged books.

The A+ Wildlife Service work was completed and there is no more evidence of the bats.

Cathy Bearden will work on the Community Room Policy wording to see if it could be made a little simpler and easier to understand.

The Five-Year Plan is still under review.

Savannah’s conference in Az., the Rural Library Access and Success Summit, provided her with a notebook full of ideas that she will implement after the summer-reading program.

New Business

Because of the library's unique case and schedule (for ex. open late and on Saturdays) which doesn't always coincide with the local schools, the library needs to have their own Severe Weather Policy. Savannah will work on a recommendation, based on what other libraries do, with a plan to discuss it at our next meeting, and with the hope of bringing it to the city council for their approval.

Next meeting

Monday, June 13, 2022, at 4:00pm

Announcements and Adjournment