

Parnell Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023

Roll and Minutes:

In Attendance: Cathy Bearden, Diane Landers, Savannah Kitchens, Leila Mitchell, Linda Farris

Called to Order: Cathy Bearden

Minutes: November's & January's minutes will have to be approved in February 2023

Correspondence: none

Treasurer's Report:

No report to review this month

Library Director's Report:

December was a busy, fun month, record numbers and participation. Print circulation is up. The family come-and-go-events are well attended.

Savannah, Lindsey Dunaway and Marissa Wilson will attend the virtual Summer Reading kick-off meeting to get ideas for this year's "All Together Now" program.

Savannah will attend the local PLD conference to connect with local librarians and hear their ideas.

ESOL resumes January 12.

The library's monthly calendar is given to the elementary school to include in the student's folders.

Our Statement of Fiscal Responsibility has been successfully submitted, keeping us eligible for State Aid Funding.

Report from City Council:

None

Report from Library Foundation:

To meet in February 2023, don't know the exact day yet.

Old Business:

The Free Little Libraries are stocked and look like they are being used. Savannah checks them every 10-14 days.

Fax machine is working with 'E-Fax', there will be a new fax number.

Story Walk has a winter story currently and will switch out in March.

The PML board will go back to reviewing the library policies in our monthly meetings.

New Business:

The Rural Library Fellowship Grant (\$6,000) has to be used very specifically in the local schools to help improve reading scores. A Book Vending Machine was purchased with our Rural

Library Fellowship Grant. The Book Vending Machine is being delivered and installed at the Montevallo Elementary School in the next couple weeks. Students will earn tokens and be able to choose one book from the machine. The Library Foundation has agreed to purchase the books, and every student will receive 1 free book this year, and 2 next year. This replaces the Foundation's RIF program that was discontinued because the book vendor went out of business. Will have a big reveal, ribbon cutting once the Book Vending Machine is ready.

Savannah will start researching for the 2024 LSTA Grant soon.

Announcement and Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023