

Parnell Memorial Library

Board Meeting Minutes Feb 12, 2024

In Attendance: Cathy Bearden, Diane Landers, Marissa Wilson, Frank Barrientes, Bobby Pierson, Leila Mitchell, Joyce Lewis

Roll and Minutes: January's minutes approved, did not have November's

Called to Order: Cathy Bearden

Correspondence:

None

Treasurer's Report:

Voted to suspend the monthly treasurer's report. Discussed having a quarterly report prepared and/or discussed as needed.

Library Director's Report:

Book sale scheduled in March.

Missed 4/5 days because of the weather, and no heat. Nevertheless, still had a good January. 37 programs were well attended.

AARP, Red Cross, Medicare were outside groups that came into the library, all received warmly.
Report from City Council:

Voted to get us \$80,000 to help with temporary heating, and to fix the heat long term, a big job.

Report from Library Foundation:

Frank has become our voting non-member, and our budget was approved (\$6,700.00). The foundation has only taken in about \$11,000-\$12,000 and were brainstorming fund raising ideas. Added three board members – Brittany Freeman, Kate Vogel and Dolores Adkins.

Old Business:

Waiting for a quote. The city wants to repair gutters, lights, plumbing, hot water heater before beginning the Children's Area Fire Door Exit with the grant awarded by the ALA Disabilities Grant which expires in the spring.

Dates schedule for Meeting room to be painted?

Will return to update library policies.

New Business:

TAB – Teen Advisory Board interest meeting set for 2/27. This is for parents and teens, with Jodie running this group. Teens could earn volunteer hours. Shelby County maintains, cleans up and wipes the computers every night. The computers are slow because they are old. It has been several years since they have been updated.

Motion: to suspend the review of the monthly treasurer's report, and it will not be on the agenda.

Action: all in favor

Discussed the letter received by Cathy, Diane and Marissa from the Alabama Public Library Services and other related matters. Alabama has pulled out of the ALA, American Library Association.

There is a meeting in Montgomery planned for some time in March or April when library directors can plead their case.

Book sale scheduled for March.

Announcement and Adjournment:

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024