

## January 21, 2020 Library Board Meeting

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on January 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Way, Fayetteville, Georgia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Clarence Leathers, Chairman  
Kim Bradley  
Page McDonald, Vice Chairman  
David Hill  
Lisa Richardson  
Tony Parrott

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Regina Daigre

**STAFF PRESENT:** Christeen Snell, Director

**STAFF ABSENT:** Sharon Campbell, Administrative Assistant

**GUESTS:** Natalie Marshall, Executive Director of the Flint River Regional Library System  
Patty Newland, Branch Manager of the Tyrone Public Library

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Page McDonald called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., as Chairman Clarence Leathers arrived shortly after 4 p.m. Tony Parrott made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting, and Lisa Richardson seconded the motion. The motion PASSED 5-0.

### **LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Snell welcomed everyone and wished them all a Happy 2020, and asked everyone to introduce themselves, then turned the meeting over to Ada Demlow. Ms. Demlow informed the board about the new library project titled Festival of Kindness which will launch Feb. 8, 2020. Flyers for the festival were included in the members' handouts, with a brief description of activities to choose from.

Director Snell informed the board that there has been a staffing change. Gloria Thomas requested to reduce her hours to a part-time status. After receiving approval from the county manager, Steve Rapson, Ms. Snell hired Heather Martz, who will split her time between the Fayette County Library and the Peachtree City Library.

Public Information Librarian Sarah Trowbridge has spear headed the upcoming 20<sup>th</sup> Blended Heritage program. This year's event included comedian Cookie Hull, African dancers, and a violinist. Yoga will be held at the library through April, and this month's movie selection is based on a true story.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **FLINT RIVER REGIONAL REPORT**

Natalie Marshall informed the board that the annual Georgia Public Libraries Day (Hot Dog Day) at the state capital will be February 13 this year. She reported that this is a good opportunity to speak to legislators about the importance of state funding for library needs. Ms. Marshall also informed the board that due to mandated state budget cuts for all state agencies, Georgia Public Libraries will be affected.

Flint River is working with one of the assistant state librarians to offer a training session for those serving on library boards. The choice of dates are: Feb. 21-22; Mar. 6-7; or Mar. 13-14. Natalie will send out emails to current board members to submit their choice of dates. The board is working on a strategic plan to assist branch libraries with resources to accomplish their goals. It is hoped to have a document in place in October.

Ms. Marshall also announced a travelling exhibit for the Breman Museum; it will include artifacts relevant to the Jewish immigration specifically to the Atlanta area. The Fayette County Library will receive the exhibit the week of Feb. 10.

Page McDonald asked Ms. Marshall about the new Milner Community Library, and Ms. Marshall told the board that the manager of the library had taken a full-time position with another library system, but they were interviewing candidates for her replacement.

### **OTHER LIBRARY NEWS**

Kim Bradley told the board that the sidewalks outside of the Brooks Library have been repaired, and that Brooks will begin holding a Farmers Market on Saturdays beginning Mar. 4.

Patty Newland informed the board that the Tyrone branch has an upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Jan. 27, and that she was pleased with the response of donors that participate. Ms. Newland also reported that due to recent changes with the voting system, representatives from the state and county elections board visited the Tyrone library to determine the electrical outlets, check the wattage, and determine the layout of the new voting machines. Ms. Newland also spoke about the CAREing Paws reading program returning after taking the month of December off.

Ms. Snell informed the board on several library projects: Fayette County Library received a grant for LED lighting for outdoors, updating the restrooms, and the library recently received additional funds to purchase mobile shelving in the children's area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tony Parrott made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Page McDonald. The motion PASSED 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Newland  
Branch Manager  
Tyrone Public Library