

**MAURY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: MINUTES**

January 25, 2022
Columbia

Present: Joel Friddell, Peggy Richardson, Jan McKeel, Steve Burt, Zelia Dinwiddie, Brian McKelvy

Absent: Christa Martin

Also present: Marion Bryant BRRL, Zachary Fox MCPL Director, Beverly Mitchell Arts Council

Call to Order: Chair Peggy Richardson called the meeting to order and delivered the opening thoughts. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Student's Club: Linda Spresser was not present.

Buffalo River Regional Library: Marion Bryant informed the Board that a planned bus trip for trustees will not happen due to the cost. She passed out financial information for regional library systems. She explained the report and also answered questions from the Board.

Director's Report: Zac asked to Board if they had any questions regarding the report sent via email. He told the Board that the new furnishings at the Columbia branch are being used and a source of excitement. He also told the Board that a creative writing club has been organized and that Jeff High, a local author, will be doing workshops for writers. Peggy asked if this could be promoted to high schools. Zac said he would include that in the outreach to schools with upcoming programming, events, etc. Jan suggested getting Jack Cobb to help promote. Beverly Mitchell offered to promote the club meetings at Columbia State. Zac added that the interest has grown and an expansion for younger writers was planned. Zac told the Board about the need to re-classify a job opening for a part-time employee to a research librarian. He included this in budget requests along with money for inflationary issues. One of the ideas he pitched was a book-mobile to add access for rural parts of the county. Board members made suggestions on ways to procure a vehicle for that purpose. Zelia Dinwiddie passed out an overview of events, etc. from the Mt. Pleasant branch which included on Tennessee history.

Old Business: Peggy asked Zac about getting the interior of the Columbia branch painted and also asked for an update on paving the adjacent lot. Bids are being solicited for soil tests for future construction. The cost is higher than expected

New Business: Peggy updated the Board on informing the Commission about the Library Foundation by first addressing the Admin Committee. James Sloan will be sharing new renderings of the planned expansion soon. The Foundation has begun meetings which include training from Jame Selby on capital fundraising for non-profits. County Commission Meet & Greet is set for February 3, at 4pm at the Columbia branch. Peggy asked members to begin thinking about Library goals for the new year. A short discussion was held on possible goals and the need to fill Peggy's seat in April. Brian said he will not be running for re-election and therefore would be rolling off the Board in August. Beverly Mitchell was welcomed to the meeting and there was a discussion about developing a relationship between the Library and Arts Council.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes recorded and submitted by MCPL Secretary, Joel Friddell