

MAURY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES: MINUTES

June 28, 2022
Columbia, Tennessee

Present: Joel Friddell, Kyle Hendrickson, Christa Martin, Brian McKelvy, Zelia Dinwiddie

Also Present: Marion Bryant, BRRL Director; Zac Fox, MCPL Director

Call to Order: Chair Joel Friddell called the meeting to order. Only the June agenda was approved. The regular May 24th meeting was cancelled, as Zac and Joel were in a special session with Maury County Commissioners.

Reports:

Students' Club: The Students' Club will resume regular meetings in October.

Buffalo River Regional Library: Director Marion Bryant reported the appointment of James Ritter as the new State Librarian. He comes to Tennessee from Maine and will begin his duties in August. There will be a Trustee Workshop at the Brentwood Public Library on October 4th from 9:00 to 3:30.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT: New Foundation officers will be elected at their next meeting. Plans are to develop an MOU to support an equal partnership to include the Library Foundation, Maury County, and Columbia. Their objective will be to raise money for the proposed library expansion. If approved, the MOU will be in effect for two years. Joel and Zac have met twice with Commissioners to present plans for the expansion without asking for money. They will meet with the Commission again on July 12th.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Summer Reading Program is off to a good start. The library has partnered with Maury County Public Schools to serve as a pickup site for Summer Feeding meals and has dispersed more than 400 meals to students this summer. The automatic doors have been replaced by Nashville Door Closure and are functioning as intended. The Maury Master Gardeners' Club will begin a service project to install and maintain landscaping around the library. A striking sculpture has been donated by local artist Cory Ricaurte. Interviews have begun to fill the Children's Librarian position.

NEW BUSINESS: Zac introduced Kyle Hendrickson as the newest Library Board member. He replaces Peggy Richardson who ably served on the board for several years. Joel made a request for a 1.5 million dollar grant from USDA at the May 24th meeting with the Commissioners. Because the Library Board had not voted to approve the grant request, he withdrew it at their second meeting and will resubmit it in September. Duck River Electric has committed \$300,000 to the expansion fund. The current Commissioners feel they should not commit to any expansion plans for the library before the upcoming elections. Joel suggested having a display during First

Fridays to acquaint the public with the expansion plans and also give them the opportunity to make contributions in person and online.

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