

Pelham Public Library
June 25, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Sally Daniel at 6:01pm. Board members in attendance were Sally Daniel, Norman Patty, Joe Myers, Lynn Armistead and Connita Turner. Council Representative, Maurice Mercer was in attendance. Library Director, Mary Campbell, was also present.

Minutes from previous meeting were read. Joe Myers made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Norman Patty seconded. Minutes were approved.

Director's Report

The last meeting (April 30th) was canceled. The meeting fell during the time the library was moving into the new location. Mary reported that the Grand Opening of the new library was a huge success with approximately 600 people in attendance. The Board members all agreed that it was a wonderful beginning for the new library. Mary then gave an overview of how busy it has been at the library since the opening. 15,942 people have walked through the doors in the first 3 weeks of June compared to 11,940 in June 2017. 611 Library cards have been issued or renewed since May 17th compared to 286 in the same time period of 2017. Approximately 600 children have registered for Summer Reading within the first 3 weeks of the program. That is almost the total number of children who participate over 7 weeks of the program last year. There have been 179 people use a study room in June. These numbers reflect how busy and popular the new library is. Discussion followed. Mary told the board that the Children's Tech Time robotics program would be on the 28th at 2pm, and the library's monthly Medicare informational program would also be on the 28th at 12:00. Sally requested that program also be offered in the evening for working individuals to attend. Mary promised to look into that.

Old Business

The building construction is complete and there have been very few problems. All of the furniture has been received and installed with only a few minor issues waiting to be resolved. The main furniture problem, the power for the computer desks, has been resolved. All patron access computers are up and available to the public.

The board was informed that [REDACTED] court date in the City of Pelham would be deferred again in order for him to be tried in Helen first.

New Business

Mary informed the Board of an incident which occurred at the library on February 19th. The board was given the attached information. Discussion ensued.

Board Member Terms were discussed. Mary asked what the procedure for renewing library terms is. Maurice explained that when an individual's term is up, they may send a letter to the council expressing their desire to serve another term. The Council then approves it. Mary will request a list of each members' term from City Hall. Any member's whose term has expired will be advised of this. They can then decide whether to serve again.

The library is still in need of tables for the conference room. The library needs at least 5 more. Patio furniture is also still needed. Mary recommended that the Library Guild choose one of those projects to fundraise for this year. Lynn suggested a change collection jar in the library labeled "Pennies for the Patio."

The Next meeting was set for August 27.

There being no more business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Daniel

Approved

Nom & Patty