

Pelham Public Library Board Meeting

November 8, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sally Daniel at 6:07pm. Board members in attendance were Sally Daniel, Norman Patty, Joe Myers, Tomeka Wilson, and Connita Turner. Library Director, Mary Campbell was also in attendance.

Minutes from previous meeting were read. Tomeka made a motion to accept the minutes from August 30th, 2021. Norman seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Directors Report

The Library Guild won the Scarecrows in the Park competition. Sally explained to the group what the scarecrow was, and Joe offered to send pictures to everyone

Mary shared with the board that 26 people signed up to give blood last Monday at the Library's Red Cross Blood drive, and 21 successful donations took place. This is a very successful blood drive. As a result, 63 lives were potential saved!

The library's Gingerbread House Decorating program is taking place in person this year on Dec 2 at 6pm and Dec 4 at 10:30am and 2pm. All three options are already full!

The first 2 weeks of December, the library will be having a food, personal item, and toy drive at the library. Toys will be donated to Toys for Tots, food will be given to Ahnjayla Moore for the food ministry she and her husband provide each month in the parking lot of Summer Classics. Any socks, deodorant, or personal items will be donated to a homeless shelter or to Oak Mountain Ministries.

Old Business

Mary reminded the board that the Christmas Parade will be Dec 11th at 5pm. The library is planning to decorate Mary's husband Michael's 70s era pickup. David will dress like a grandpa and will be reading a story to a few staff members and their kids. Depending on staff volunteers, some may walk along behind the float and throw candy. The board is welcome to walk or ride with the library float. Discussion followed.

New Business

Mary announced that the Pelham Alabaster Rotary presented the library with a check for \$25,000 at the Rotary meeting on October 21. This donation is to be used to fund a computer and print station upgrade for public access computers. Discussion followed

The Rotary donation is to be used for a computer and print station upgrade that will include:

- 2 pay stations that accept cash or credit
- 2 new printers
- 14 public access computers with Microsoft products and Deep freeze
- 2 control center computers

Discussion followed. Sally asked when the project would be completed. Mary responded that the goal is to be complete by February 2022, but that was contingent on Shelby County IT availability.

Mary explained that the current fine block at the library is \$3. A late fee or fine over \$3 will block a patron from using their library card at any Shelby County Library. Mary is going to propose to the other libraries in the cooperative that the block amount be raised. JCLC does not block cards until \$5, and some libraries do not block until \$20. Mary is proposing \$10. Mary explained that the library's goal should not be blocking people from using the library, especially for such a small amount. She also mentioned how this disproportionately affects children, the elderly, and other disadvantaged groups. Joe mentioned the trend in libraries going fine free. Mary explained that this is a long term goal that she has for Pelham and Shelby County. The board voiced their support for raising the fine block to \$10.

The next meeting was tentatively set for January 31, 2022 at 6pm.

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

Carla Blumer, Secretary
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Sally Daniel - President
Jan 31, 2022