

Lancaster County Library Board Meeting

March 30, 2021

Attendees: Deborah Cureton, George Kirlin, Erick Crawford, Phyllis Jarvis, Margaret Bundy, Rita Vogel, Nancy Berry and April Williams. Members not in attendance: Leo Francis, Lynn Carroll, Karen Faile and Kim Blackmon

Call to Order: Lancaster County Library Board of Trustees Meeting was held March 30, 2021 at the Barnett Building beginning at 6:30 PM, Dr. Deborah Cureton, presiding.

Public Comments: There were no public comments

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made, seconded, and approved

Librarian's Report: Director Rita Vogel reported the following:

- The Kershaw Branch Library will close April 2, 2021 and reopen May 3, 2021
- The Del Web Branch Library will host a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Nancy Berry reported on the soft reopening from March 8 – March 30, 2021 that 2500 patrons have visited and 4200+ books have been circulated. A majority of patrons have found the new library and staff welcoming; one patron found the environment 'cold'; many IT issues existed as of the opening date and have been resolved.
- The Friends of the Del Webb library donated \$1500 to supply new internet hot spots, \$14,000 for a new outside sign and \$5,000 towards a potential solution for the current situation of using portable speakers during presentations/movies.
- Rita will investigate whether the same problem – a lack of an audio system – exists at the Main Library and question Cathy McDaniel about this issue. If the audio system was not included in the building plans, then ask Cathy McDaniel for the estimated cost for equipment and installation. If no additional Penny Sales Tax money is available, the cost will become a Fundraising item.
- The Pool area behind the library would like to be utilized, perhaps with construction of an amphitheater, so Rita investigated the 'state' of the area. Dirt fill was used to cover over the space and would need county inspection and approval before any construction could occur.
- Rita will be requesting a new hire – a Teen Librarian, especially for the Kershaw Branch library. She will be meeting April 13, 2021 at the County Council Workshop to present her need.
- Main Library – Children's Section – 3D Space Ship Construction – Holy Smoke Studios
- Rita presented the David Rowe/Holy Smoke Studios visual rendition of the 3D space ship construction, the construction contract and \$18,985.00 price for the project. She indicated that she would like Board approval to move forward with this contract. Rita indicated 50% of the cost (\$9,492.50) is needed ASAP to begin the project. Rita indicated she would work with the Fundraising Committee to set a meeting with folks from Oceana Gold/Haile Gold Mine as a possible funding source.
- The Board voted to give approval to Rita to move forward with the 3D Space Ship project

Financial Report: Distributed and discussed, without comment

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Small Labs Learning

- Rita reported on the success/failure of existing installations of Small Labs elsewhere
- Moultrie Public Library: had to return it due to COVID restrictions preventing patron use; was used for story time, they felt they had to have school system support for success and that never happened
- Emerald Science Center – Florida: ideal use for school field trips; great success with programming for all ages; needs to be re-calibrated if not used regularly
- Rita began contacting school officials to arrange a meeting for their review of the Small Labs system

New Business: Fundraising

- Dr. Cureton suggested naming a collection to honor ex director Richard Band
- Rita indicated she would contact Oceana Gold to arrange a meeting regarding a donation
- Asked for a contact for Charles Duke to ask permission to name the Children's Area in his honor
- April Williams presented her list of projects for potential donations. These items included the outdoor Amphitheatre in the old pool area; loanable tablets for use of the library subscription to the Bibliotheca Cloud digital library; Virtual Reality equipment for VR programing; video and audio editing equipment
- Sound equipment for meeting rooms in the 3 libraries

Adjourn: 8:05 PM