



Camden County Public Library

A Member of Three Rivers Regional Library System

Board Meeting
January 25, 2021

Board Members Present:

Grayson Day
Dr. Sheila Sapp
Jackie Frye
Leatha Massey

Staff Present:

Dr. Diana Very
Mellissa Clark
Clint Moxley

Call to order:

Chairman Grayson Day called meeting to order at 5:59pm

Minutes from January 13, 2020 and October 19, 2020

Motion to approve with no changes by Leatha Massey and Seconded by Dr. Sapp.

Financial Report:

Mellissa emailed the financials from the database and Dr. Very's sheet to all board members. Dr. Very reported the county is sending in their checks in a timely manner. Mellissa is spending within her budget and looks good for the timeframe we are in for the fiscal year. There were no questions regarding the budget.

Director's Report:

Dr. Very gave the report for the Region. There is not much to tell at this time. Dr. Very did state she will be retiring April 30th and Clint Moxley will be taking her place on May 1st, that is the biggest change coming up.

Long County is closed for a week because a staff member came in sick and was sent home with a fever. Other libraries are doing OK.

Clint and Kasey just came back today from being out sick with an upper respiratory infection. Ceil is still out sick.

Big Read is coming up next month and all libraries are thinking about how to do summer this year.



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Manager Report:

Mellissa Clark gave the report for the library. First she updated everyone on how the library is working with COVID-19. We are open Mon., Tues, Thurs, and Fri 10:00-4:00pm, Wed 10:00-6:00pm, and Saturdays 10-1:00pm. So far the patrons have not asked for any further hours or later nights. We are now allowing 25 people in at a time for one hour and are still mandatory masks. We have four computers available for public use with a one-hour time limit. The biggest complaint is that we do not have a public restroom available, but we cannot clean it after every use and do not have the budget to accommodate those cleaning supplies.

Mellissa discussed the Kingsland Halloween Town event where they saw over 1,200 people, gave out over 250 books, and over 1,700 pieces of candy. Reported an amazing turnout for the Camden Library Lights event where over 1,200 people attended the drive-thru event. This will become an annual event where the staff will ask for sponsorship after summer programs so that each year it will be bigger and bigger.

She reported the Holiday-gram program went amazing and saw over 1,000 letters and cards that patrons dropped off to send to senior centers and those in hospitals during the holiday season. They were able to go to 7 different destinations and even into Callahan. This will also be a new annual event.

She discussed creating a Discord account for teen groups. We are seeing success for our Anime/Manga club and Dana is monitoring the discussions they are having and the art they are sharing. The teens are also sending in requests for new Manga series that we may not currently have.

Virtual Book Buddies is back and doing well. Mellissa went over how the staff is trying to find a way to expand this to adults who need help with their reading skills.

Mellissa talked about how the stats are a lower number but the numbers are still at the higher end of the spectrum when compared to the other libraries in Three Rivers as they were pre-COVID.

Leatha Massey expressed her appreciation for how the library is going during these different times.



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Dr. Sapp expressed her appreciation for the library is thinking outside the box and coming up with programs that will now be annual events.

New Business:

The 2021 Holiday Closures were gone over. The library will be closing at 1:00pm the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and will be closed Wednesday before Christmas to reopen Monday, December 27th.

Jackie Frye pointed out the date for Wednesday December 20th should be December 22nd. Mellissa said she would update that to reflect the correct date.

Trustee positions were next on the agenda. Mellissa went over the application and Job description, asking the trustees to let anyone they know to apply and email their application to mclark@trrl.org and at the next board meeting the trustees can vote on who should fill the two openings.

Jackie asked how the positions would be advertised. Dr. Very said Steve Howard the County Administrator would put the notice out, Mellissa will put it in the paper and on the library Facebook page. Grayson Day asked how soon they need to filled and Dr. Very responded, “yesterday.”

Dr. Very went over how there has been no one new since Jimmy Starline and Nancy Gonzalez left in 2018 and these positions have been open since then. She went on to say those who apply should have a library card and be familiar with the library. Jackie said someone from the county may be a bridge to help with communication and discussing the budget the county gives the library.

Dr. Very also referenced the email she sent out last week regarding what trustees are expected to do and what they should not do. There are videos to watch that are in fun, but have good information on what a new trustee should expect. The region has 67-70 trustees and these resources are a great help for them to be sure they are contributing in a capacity as a trustee should. There are about 12 skits that are acted out and give the information in a way that is easy to understand.



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Contact Information: Mellissa referenced the contact sheet she sent out. If any trustee has a different or new form of contact they need to update, please let her know.

Grayson Day asked if there was any other information and there was none.

Next Meeting:

April 12, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned:

Jackie Frye motioned to adjourn, Dr. Sapp seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:32pm.