

McMinn County Library Board
Sept 28, 2020

The McMinn County Library Board met on September 28, 2020, at 6 pm. As per Governor Lee's executive order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually.

In attendance were: Peyton Eastman, Tyler Forrest, Tim Womac, Liz Shreck, Maggie Hoffman, Patricia Ekiss, Lynn Perkinson, Robert Sherwood, Everett Gillespie, and Robin Arms

Tyler Forrest called the meeting to order.

The minutes from The July 27, 2020 meeting were presented before the board. Robert Sherwood moved to accept them and PattyEkiss seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Tim Womac reported that the MOE was signed by all cities.

Guest speaker Jordan Curtis from Simmon's Bank gave a report on the EG Fisher Library Investment account. He stated that the money in the account started with a combination of money given to the library by Gussie Fisher and money from the capital account. He suggested that the account could use a possible "freshening up" of investment and allocation funds to match the current market. Tyler Forrest said that Jordan Curtis, Tim Womac, and himself will come up with a proposal for a spending rate on the account.

Library Reports:

Calhoun- Mary Tickel reported that they have received the Care Grant as well as the LSTA Grant. They are still allowing only 5 patrons at a time in the library.

EG Fisher- Peyton Eastman reported that Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State, will be visiting the library on October 14 at 3:05 pm, to present them the Cares Grant. All are invited to attend. They are currently utilizing the services of 2 volunteers through the Reemployment Program. The Paypal Donation Button is now working and available for donations on the website. They are starting a School Year Reading Program that will coincide to begin with the schools' Fall Break.

Englewood- No report

Etowah- Director Lara Crockett sent a Director's report, She reported that Etowah is working with Mountain View School for a Library Connect Partnership. They have received the Cares Grant as well as the LSTA Grant. The Etowah Library board has recently voted to make Etowah a fine-free library.

ORRL- Liz Shreck several documents. (See attached handouts) She pointed out that that the TSLA LibGuides Website now has pages for Covid-19 and for Social Justice subjects. The Regional Property at the former Niota Library has been reclaimed and disbursed.

Search Committee:

Tyler Forrest reported that there were 9 applicants for the EG Fisher Director position. Of those 9 applicants, 4 were finalists to be interviewed. (One dropped out before the interview process due to personal reasons leaving three to be interviewed.) 1 was interviewed last week, and the other 2 this week. The desired candidate will be presented before the board in November, if not before at a called meeting.

Old Business:

None

New Business

FY 20/21 Budget - Tim Womac presented the FY 20/21 Budget. (See attached) The budget passed unanimously by voice vote.

HVAC system at EG Fisher - The system is again having mechanical issues. It was suggested that we work with Mechanical Systems. Looking at doing a capital improvement to possibly replace with $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cost each coming from McMinn County, Athens City, EG Fisher Investment Fund.

By-Laws - Robert Sherwood presented the updated By-laws from the By-Laws committee. The updates were accepted unanimously by voice vote. If there are any future adjustments or additions it should be brought before the By-Laws Committee.

Hotspot Policy- Peyton presented a policy for the Hotspots that EG Fisher will be able to purchase through the Cares Grant. (See attached) Robin Arms moved to accept, Tim Womac seconded - motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Attorney request- Tyler Forrest stated that the board is uncertain what we can ask from employees due to the COVID restrictions. Tim Womac made a motion to allow Tyler Forrest to consult with an attorney concerning what rights the Library and library personnel have concerning COVID. Patricia Ekiss seconded. The Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Other Business:

Lynn Perkinson would like to discuss the homeless population around the library. Tyler stated that it would be brought forward at a future meeting.

The meeting was dismissed,. The next regular meeting will be on November 23, 2020.