

The July 13, 2017 meeting of the trustees of the Atlanta Public Library District was called to order at 6:30pm by President Randy Brooks. The meeting convened in the upstairs Atlanta Museum conference room. Other trustees physically present were Bill Thomas, Jami Clark, Lori Cotton, and Steve Dreyer. Karen Horn was absent. Also present were Cathy Maciariello and Rachel Neisler, directors.

The floor was opened to comments from the community. Several questions were raised about the Palms Grill. In response, Board members reported that the Palms Grill is currently profitable and that the Grill was started with private funds. It has historically been leased but now is being managed by the Library District. There were also questions about the Union Hall Building. The Board responded that the Library has been renting space in Union Hall from Teleologic Learning Company for programming at a cost of \$1,000 per month, but that the cost of owning the building is comparable and would give the Library access to the entire building as well as a permanent asset. The Board is currently moving toward purchase of the building. When asked whether the Library could construct a new building adjacent to the current building, the Board responded that it isn't practical because most of the land is owned by the City and the Railroad. In response to questions regarding potential conflicts of interest, the Board noted that all board members file financial disclosure forms with the County Clerk and no interested party ever participates in discussions or decisions that might be covered in these statements. In response to other questions, the Board answered that the Library does have a website and that a volunteer board member handles postings; that the Board will be talking with its insurance company about the necessity of installing fire doors between the Museum and the Union Hall Building.

There was a motion made by Bill Thomas and seconded by Steve Dreyer to accept the June minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was presented by Bill Thomas. Lori Cotton made the motion and Jami Clark seconded we accept the report as shown. Motion carried unanimously.

The Library Director's report was reviewed. Numbers of activities and participants attending are increasing. A motion was made by Steve Dreyer and seconded by Bill Thomas to accept the report as shown. Motion carried unanimously.

Rachel Neisler advised that the numbers of visitors going through the museum are rising. June of 2016 – 313 visitors went through. June of 2017 – 536 went through. We have a stronger volunteer base this year and increased hours of being open. The American Culture Exhibit for the museum is currently being developed. A motion was made by Steve Dreyer and seconded by Bill Thomas to accept the report as shown. Motion carried unanimously.

Copies of all reports are available at the Library.

Steve Dreyer advised that discussions with the Atlanta National Bank regarding the purchase of the Union Hall Building are continuing and that Morton Community Bank is being considered as well. No final decision on lender has been made at this time. Cathy Maciariello advised that the library has received a \$20,000 contribution grant from an anonymous donor for use for the Union Hall purchase. Steve Dreyer also stated that we would continue to look into a campaign for raising additional funds and are targeting a possible September timeline to start. Randy Brooks advised that he has been working on have an appraisal completed but that

it is proving difficult as there are no buildings on this are to compare on Atlanta or the area in general. Steve Dreyer advised that the building inspection has been completed by Todd Parks.

The Building and Maintenance Tax Ordinance was read out to all in attendance. A motion was made by Bill Thomas and seconded by Lori Cotton to approve the ordinance. It will be posted in the Olympia Review as required.

Bill Thomas advised that the 2018 budget has been completed and is balanced. The budget totals \$186,000.00. Copies are available at the library.

Bill Thomas requested that the Library board authorize him to establish a \$5,000 CD to put aside for any future maintenance needs. This money is from unspent funds in 2017. A motion was made by Steve Dreyer and seconded by Randy Brooks to authorize the purchase of a \$5,000.00 CD. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Lori Cotton to adjourn the meeting. Steve Dreyer seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Cotton, Acting Secretary