

March 21, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Gina Carroll called the meeting to order with Karen Seward, Jane Ann Olson, JoAnn Woodall, Lisa Russell, and Steve Tonsor present. The chair referenced minutes of the January 17th meeting. Hearing no call for discussion, JoAnn Woodall motioned the minutes be approved as presented. Jane Ann Olson seconded the motion, and they were unanimously approved.

The treasure's report was once again unavailable, due to lack of information from City Hall.

Karen Seward provided activity numbers for the January 18 thru March 21 timeframe. 543 patrons checked out 961 publications from the following categories: Adult fiction 296, Juvenile fiction 48, Young Adult 6, Under 5 years-119, Adult non-fiction 16, Juvenile nonfiction 46, and Easy 430. It was noted 450 of these were accessed digitally. Public computers were accessed 117 times, 12 worked puzzles, 13 engaged on WiFi, and 45 patrons used the conference room. Mrs. Seward reported content of a personal visit with Rachel Grime (Director of Little Dixie Libraries). Even though Little Dixie had paid the State Library's legal counsel to work on the possible merger of Little Dixie and Monroe City Public Library, little if any progress had been made. It was recommended the Board of Monroe City Library officially approve merger action, as previously the vote was to explore the possibility. Following a brief discussion of staffing, Mrs. Seward said she would speak again with Ms. Grime regarding her desire to retire in May. Flooring samples and bids for installation were presented to the board for review. One of the public computers was removed by law enforcement seeking evidence in an ongoing investigation. When returned, said computer was inoperable. Officials indicated no responsibility for repair was required when investigating potential criminal activity.

In new business, Jane Ann Olson officially moved the Monroe City Public Library merge with Little Dixie Regional Libraries, pending review by counsel. Gina Carroll seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The board discussed mutual concern that requests for detail of the Monroe City Public Library's finances have repeatedly been dodged by City personnel. Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Seward planned to address the next regularly held City Council meeting for clarification of said financials. JoAnn Woodall motioned, and Jane Ann Olson seconded, that an offer to install flooring by Moore's Floors at a cost of \$24,705 be accepted. This motion was predicated on the fact that adequate reserves are still earmarked within the City's accounts. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Carroll adjourned the meeting.