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Georgia Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: Georgia Public Library

Attendees: Bridget Stone-Allard, Margo Coy, Gary Deziel, Ben Ebert, Paula Ralston, Cindy Rutkowski

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Additions or deletions of agenda items - add discussion of Georgia water district to Library Director report
2. Review of Nov. 18th minutes - Margo moved that the minutes be approved as written and Ben seconded. All approved.
3. Public appearances: David Vincent, Eric Strong (South Georgia Water District)
4. Treasurer's Report: The budget will be a little over on payroll, but overall we will end the year within budget. The select board had a discussion about whether petty cash should be turned over to town coffers.
5. Library Director's Report: Bridget will be meeting next week with Gary to go over the 2020 budget. Policy 3.1 on Closing/Opening was presented. Cindy motioned that it be approved as written and Ben seconded, all approved. Bridget introduced David Vincent and Eric Strong (south Georgia Water District) who were attending the meeting to ask the Board about whether they could get a key if they were to meet at GPL and go past 8 p.m. They would put the key in the book deposit after their meeting ended. Paula asked if they could meet on a Saturday or earlier during a week night so that they finished while the library was still open. They will check with other members, Paula will follow up. Bridget said that Bill McSalis will most likely do security and Narcan training on January 23rd from 9 to 11.
6. Committee Reports: None
7. Old (unfinished) Business: Paula attended the Selectboard meeting on December 9th. VIS recommended several architects for the ADA Library project. Several of us will be meeting with the Selectboard on December 18th to make some decisions about the scope of the project so that RFPs can be solicited. The 2020 calendar was reviewed, no additions were made.
8. New Business: None

9. Executive Session: None: ¹
10. Concerns for select board: None
11. Public comment: None
13. Date of next meeting: January 13, 2019 at 6 p.m..
14. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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