



Library Board - Meeting Minutes Jan. 10, 2023 (FY 2023)

In Attendance:

Board Chair Chuck Dean; Library Board Members Elliott Riser, Kathi Alsip, and Jewell Lawson; Councilman Doug Goodlin; Book Shop Manager Karen Kyzar; and Library Director Tonja Young.

1) Call to Order: @ 4:32 pm

Called to order by Chuck.

2) Old Business:

Minutes: Motion to approve the November 2022 minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathi and seconded by Elliott. Motion passed. There was no meeting in December 2022 and no minutes were presented.

3) New Business:

Statistics: November 2022

Circulation was 21,794. The library had 7,900 patrons in November. Camellia Net e-books usage totaled 2,288 consortium circulations and 439 Advantage account circulations (for Daphne cardholders only).

Statistics: December 2022

Circulation was 17,312. The library had 7,780 patrons in December. Camellia Net e-books usage totaled 2,196 consortium circulations and 392 Advantage account circulations (for Daphne cardholders only).

New Board Listing FY2023:

Information was gathered to update the Board Member List with Councilman Doug Goodlin who is now our liaison from the City Council.

Email received from the State Library concerning APLS Trustee Training :

Tonja spoke with Stephanie at APLS and our Board is in good shape since all five members completed the trustee training last fall. The Board will only have to revisit training once there are less than two of the currently trained members on board. The Board should not need further training until September 2026.

Previous Building Plans & Library Needs - Update Councilman Goodlin :

The library is currently at its limit for shelving and furnishings. Previously the Library Foundation (now dissolved) had a three-phase building plan, including a computer lab, an auditorium, and an expanded shelving area/meeting space. The computer lab is in place as of 2008, and the Porch project (2020) precludes the planned second-story mezzanine for reference and special collections since the building will not support another story. None of the current library space will support a second story.

The Foundation's plan for an auditorium was to be located on the south side of the Children's Tower, along the outer edge of the plaza. Later there were discussions to build on the plaza itself and share the space with the Senior Center and/or Civic Center. Currently the plaza is in use for the Seniors and the larger meeting room we previously used in the Senior Center is continuously booked. The Civic Center graciously works with us on providing space for presentations for large crowds, but eventually the library could plan so many more events and control its own meeting space (booking, using, sharing) if it had an adjacent auditorium. This is currently the largest need for the library to provide better service.

In a perfect world, a three-story rectangular building (perhaps on the parking area directly north of the library) to house: 1) the children's collection and programming space; 2) the young adults' collection and programming space including "makerspaces" with 3-D printers and other equipment; and 3) the reference and the Daphne Special Collections with study spaces and computers for research. This plan would also leave spaces currently in use for children, young adults, and reference for more shelving and seating areas for adults and possibly even another meeting space.

Daphne has tripled its population during the last 25 years and we are serving approximately 29,000 citizens in Daphne plus many more from around the county who prefer our library based on atmosphere, collection, and programs offered. Hopefully we can continue to grow to meet the needs of our patrons.

Friends of the Daphne Library Participation: Karen presented an update about the Friends, her activities, and the Book Shop for Doug Goodlin who just joined our Board. She volunteers many hours every month and manages the Friends funds and the Book Shop.

The Friends cover the programming expenses for the library. When the Foundation dissolved following the construction of the Porch, leftover funds were deposited with the Friends; they hold a bank account and several CDs.

5) **Public Participation:** None.

6) **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Board Meetings are held in the Library Board Room on the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by T. Young, February 6, 2023.