

MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING
Minutes of Monday, March 14, 2022

Meeting called to order at 12:07 pm by Ray VandeGiessen.

Members present: Meghan Dorey, Kit Waters Ulrey, Aaron Mathews, Becky Baird, and Ray VandeGiessen; along with Marcia Johnson and Callie Cortner.

Minutes: Aaron Mathews moved to approve the meeting minutes, Becky Baird seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Circulation Report February 2022:

No comments

Discussion and Possible Vote on Revisions to Circ, Internet Use and Collection Development Policies:

Becky Baird motioned to adopt the policies with notated changes. Aaron Mathews seconded. Motion carried. No further changes to the liability policy were decided.

Director's Report:

We were close to last year's number even though we were closed for 5 days due to snow and holidays.

Outdoor Project:

Institute Quality Communities (IQC) will be here for April 11th Board meeting at noon to talk with us. They will also talk to kids and the parents who come to the Lego League. Friends of the Library will come at 5 pm to talk and have refreshments. IQC will then draw up a plan and the library may have different ideas to choose from.

City Council members tours: There will be 2 more next week. We talk about the whole department: library, arts, and cultural district. The 66 Cultural District started from Ann Neal through 5 grants from OK Arts Council and Mid-America Arts Alliance. The city helps with stuff like the Art Park; lights, bins, etc. The Neals paid for the concrete, ground cover and music instrument, etc. Miami Arts & Humanities Council had the murals painted during an earlier Mural Fest. The Art Park is a public/private partnership. The Neals own the Art Park and lease it to the city for \$1/year. The Coleman Theater is the center of the Cultural District and included in the District is the Myaamia Cultural Center and Museum, Miami Little Theater (which puts on 5 events at the Coleman), Otter Cove Murals.

Events: Mural Fest April 30th. It will be further south this time and will have food trucks and live music. Other Cultural District events that have happened include Movies in Art Park, Art Walks, Miami Little Theatre plays, and performances at the Coleman.

Coleman Theatre: The Coleman has a staff of 4, budget of \$300K for which the city subsidizes \$95K or 1/3 of the cost. The Coleman is governed under MDRA and also has a Friends of Coleman group. Some upcoming events are Sunnyside Up Film Festival and The Platters.

Miami Public Library: Built in 1921, renovated in 1962, expanded in 1987. Our staff has dropped from 12 to 10 (8 FT and 2 PT). We have a large staff because we are open more hours than most other departments. We are required to be open on evenings for state aid. We operate on a budget of \$500-\$525K. We have a library board and Friends of the Library. We have an outreach component like with Boys and Girls Club, which takes a lot of time and pulls staff off the floor. We offer classes and programs like genealogy, Let's Talk About It, Farmer's Market, Boys and Girls Club. The Children's Department has reading programs, Dads and Donuts/Moms and Muffins, and Lego Club. And we now have a Teen Department that includes Game Night.

Assistant Director's Report:

RFID: We are busy tagging, about 10,000 tags almost all of the children's department. Audio/DVD tags are on backordered. The alarm will go off and it will tell the system what book just went out without getting scanned.

Programming: Spring/Summer classes. Tai Chi starts April 7th, Beginning Flexibility starts tonight at 6 pm, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 17-June 23rd.

Murder Mystery Night will be tomorrow at 6:30 pm. There was a newspaper article on it. Future dates are set for April 19th and May 10th at 6:30 pm.

A tabletop oven was purchased so the chef will be able to do demos at Farmer's Market as well as the class at 12 on April 20th. It will be healthier version of what people enjoy eating.

Friends of the Library

We have been waiting for outdoor space and then work on a fundraising campaign and corporate fund supporters. We are looking at doing a book sale possibly on April 30th or May 7th. We will meet 5 pm next Monday.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm. Next meeting scheduled Monday, March 14, 2022 noon at the library.

Minutes by: Kit Waters

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