

DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALLED MEETING

March 26, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees from the Dade County Public Library Board: Dottie Abercrombie, Ginnie Sams, Patti Nethery, Reece Fauscett and William Back. Other attendees: Director, Lecia Eubanks and Marshana Sharp, Library Manager. Eddie Pittman was unable to attend the meeting. Chair, Patti Nethery called the meeting to order at 4:00. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Ginnie Sams and seconded by William Back. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Patti Nethery thanked everyone for attending this called budget planning session and turned the meeting over to Ms. Eubanks. Ms. Eubanks brought the group up-to-date on the most current information she has received on current fiscal year appropriations. In February, the City of Trenton Commission voted to increase their appropriation from \$2,000 per month to \$4,000 per month. In the library's current FY15 fiscal year this means an additional \$10,000 and for the full FY16 it is an additional \$24,000. Ms. Eubanks shared with the board her official notification of the Dade County Commission's reinstatement of the \$13,900 cut from last August. After balancing this year's budget the library will have around \$5,000 that can be spent during this fiscal year or be carried over.

There are two questions on the table for discussion, Ms. Eubanks stated to the board. The first question is "Based on these two new amounts from the City and the County and the current/existing \$10,500 from the Dade Board of Education how many hours open to the public can the library increase per week?" The second question on the table is "How much of an increase (if any) do we ask the Dade County Commission and the Dade Board of Education for FY16." These two agencies are currently preparing their FY16 budgets and need to hear from us soon.

Ms. Eubanks shared with the board several budget scenarios that she hopes will help them make a recommendation for moving forward. She handed out budgets for opening the library 30, 33 and 35 hours per week. Based on the amount of money we are currently receiving it is possible to open the library 30 hours per week starting as soon as May 1, 2015. This would be an increase of 6 hours per week and would allow the library to be open on Saturdays. The budget scenarios for 33 and 35 hours will only work if we receive increases from the Dade County Commission and/or the Dade County Board of Education. After reviewing the budget scenarios, the board decided that for FY16 they would like to move forward with Budget Scenario D for a

33 hour library that reflects our commitment to quality library service. This scenario would need an estimated increase of \$3,679. Ms. Eubanks cautioned the board that this amount is preliminary at this time since we still do not know the exact amount of the increase in our portion of the Teacher's Retirement benefit. Ginnie Sams agreed to move ahead with her "behind the scenes" budget conversations with the Board of Education with this estimated amount in mind. Ms. Sams informed the group of her appointment on March 27th with Ted Rumley and Don Townsend at the County Commission office. She feels they will be thrilled to hear the Dade Library's plan for increasing their hours open to 30 as soon as May. She will let them know of our goal to get to 33 hours per week as soon as possible.

As the meeting began to wrap up Ms. Eubanks asked the board to take a look at a "Power Consumption" document she has put together for the Dade County Library. She is concerned the unit is still not operating very efficiently and would like to call in an independent HVAC company who has come highly recommended by the LG Company. Ginnie Sams would like the opportunity to speak with the county at her meeting before we bring anyone else in to look at the unit. She agreed to follow-up with Ms. Eubanks after her meeting with Ted Rumley.

With there being no further business to discuss Ginnie Sams made a motion to adjourn and Dottie Abercrombie seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Submitted by Lecia Eubanks