

Clewiston Library Board Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021

- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Roll Call of Members-Present: Mary Thomas, Mike Galassini, Frank Harris, Toni Couse, Cindy Carroll and Dr. Laura Jones.
- C. Minutes from Last Meeting
 - a. January 28, 2021-motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Carroll.
- D. Treasurer's Report –Mr. Harris reported that the balance is currently \$4,574.51 as of the latest bank statement which is dated for February 28, 2021. The Friends received a \$50.00 donation from Glades Gas. Mrs. Thomas indicated that she would write a "Thank You" note signifying the appreciation for the donation.
- E. Director's Report
 - a. Library Statistics-the library is doing well after reviewing the statistics. The door count has increased during the past few months, but it definitely spiked during March as we began the Free Vita Tax Services. Mrs. Antunez is still providing storytime online through Facebook several times a week. Diana is also continuing to provide hands on activities weekly through Zoom. She creates programs which consists of grab and go bags. Parents are able to come in and pick up their child's bag and then logon through the Zoom link so that all patrons are able to participate together.
- F. Old Business
 - a. Board Vacancy-Library Director will make contact with Kathy Metz which the board indicated is interested in applying for this vacancy.

She will bring any applications back to our next meeting for voting purposes and then pass the appointed individuals name on to the City for recording and formal term assignment recognition.

- b. Vita Tax Services-this free filing service continues to be a huge asset to our community. Scheduled appointments were made Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Appointments will be available for the entire tax filing season.

G. New Business

- a. Legislative Assistant to Representative Lauren Melo, Ryan Walker, visit to the Clewiston Library
 - i. Mr. Harris informed the board about the meeting with Mr. Walker on February 22nd. He informed Mr. Walker of the importance of SWFLN and how closing their doors would have a major negative effect on our rural libraries. Mr. Walker indicated he would take all of the information back to Ms. Melo and keep this information/topic alive in Tallahassee so that our libraries can be represented and others can become aware of our current situation.
- b. Next Book Club Date/Time-Current title, *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett which will be held on April 1st at 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.
 - i. A total of 12 book club members (6 attended at 2 p.m. and 6 at 5:15 p.m.) attended last month's book club meeting.
- c. Tails and Tales 2021 Summer Library Program-the library staff are currently discussing the upcoming summer program. We are looking to follow along with other counties in that we will offer programs that will be safe for those in attendance as we navigate this pandemic. We are optimistic to hold some classes in person

and invite the public back into the library for face to face classes/
programs.

- H. Date for Next Meeting-April 29, 2021 at 5 p.m.
- I. Public Remarks
- J. Adjournment