

Magnolia Springs Library Board Minutes from Friday, November 11, 2016

All Board Members were present, except for Dr. Berengher Brechtel, who was attending his grandchildren's special school "Grandparents' Day.

Present were—Mrs. Frances Cleverdon, Mrs. Alida Given, Mrs. Lolly Turner, and we welcomed our newest board member, approved by our Town Council—Miss Grace Mattox. Our Library Director, Mrs. Vicki Smith, attended as well.

Our newly elected mayor, Mr. Bob Holk, came by at the beginning of the meeting to wish us well and extend his invitation to work with the library and its library board. He also had a chance to meet Miss Mattox. His visit was most appreciated.

The minutes were read, seconded and approved.

Finances were a major topic of discussion as The Friends of the Magnolia Springs Library has so much less money than this time last year. "The Friends" are holding a fundraiser on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, but it is not thought that this will bring a big increase in funds. However, it was agreed that perhaps it can expand the following year.

It was also brought to the Board's attention that the Baldwin County Library Cooperative has doubled its bill for our library. There was no prior knowledge of this before a budget was submitted to the town. Other libraries in the county are questioning this bill. Our librarian, Mrs. Vicki Smith, recently attended a Library Directors' Meeting to discuss the bill. She reported that nothing was resolved, but another meeting, date yet to be determined, will take place.

It was announced that "The Friends of the Library" are celebrating the generosity of our "100 Club" members with a party on December 10th, held this year at Mrs. Lolly Turner's. It is the hope that these members will kindly renew with another donation this year.

Mrs. Turner stressed that the Board must look carefully at funds beginning in January. It was pointed out that we promised Mrs. Vicki Smith, upon hiring her, that we could pay her through October 2016. We will be able to go beyond that promise and pay her through December at \$20,00 for the year.

In January, Mrs. Smith will have her annual evaluation, and we will discuss her performance.

There was no other discussion so the meeting was adjourned.