

Green Gold Minutes

October 9, 2014

The Green Gold Library System Directors met for a special called meeting at Bienville Parish Library at 10:05 a.m. on October 9, 2014. Present: Beverly Hammett, Linn Landis, Jennie Paxton, Pam Suggs, Cheryl Moulriere, Peggy Walls, Vivian McCain, Teresa Rice and Connie Ammons representing Bossier Parish, Amy Walmsley and Rosalind LaCour representing Natchitoches Parish, and Jill Byttner representing Red River Parish. Others present were CFO Jim Pelton; Peggy Evans and Jennie Weeks from Shreve, and Ellen Butler from Bienville.

Vice President Vivian McCain established a quorum and called the meeting to order.

There were no additions to the agenda, and no one was present for audience comments.

Upon motion by Linn Landis, seconded by Peggy Walls, the minutes of the July 11, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as e-mailed. There was no meeting in September for lack of a quorum.

Upon motion by Vivian McCain, seconded by Peggy Walls, it was unanimously approved to uphold the tradition of the Shreve Memorial Director as President of Green Gold by electing the current Co-Interim Directors, Jennie Paxton and Deonci Sutton until such time as a new director is hired.

Upon motion by Linn Landis, seconded by Peggy Walls, it was unanimously approved to re-elect Vivian McCain as Vice President.

Upon motion by Peggy Walls, seconded Linn Landis, it was unanimously approved to reappoint Beverly Hammett as Secretary.

Upon motion by Beverly Hammett, seconded by Jennie Paxton, it was unanimously approved to reappoint Regions Bank as Fiscal Agent.

Vivian opened the discussion about the Overdrive issue with Simon & Schuster forcing the “Buy It Now” option to be utilized if any of their books were purchased by the Consortium. Shreve provided a list of the top 250 Simon & Schuster titles showing the substantial number of best-selling authors that would be lost if Simon & Schuster is excluded from the Overdrive collection. Shreve also provided circulations by parish and screen shots of the revised wording on the “Buy It Now” page. Overdrive has removed “and help your library WIN!” because several directors objected to that wording.

There were two main objections: legality and patron confusion. Vivian reported that State Library was seeking an opinion from their legal counsel. She also stated that she had heard from several other libraries which had been using this feature for some time without any problems that couldn't be resolved with some training and good instructions.

After a lengthy discussion, upon motion by Cheryl Moulriere, seconded by Jennie Paxton, it was moved to continue Overdrive with the “Buy It Now” feature in order to have access to Simon & Schuster titles. The vote was 8 for and 2 against. The motion carried.

Members reported on their respective libraries.

There being no further business, Vivian declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Hammett