

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
May 18, 2016

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Carol Meyer, Mary Ruth Reynolds, Bernice Scales, Mary Campbell Stromire and Linda Wilson were in attendance.

Also attending was Director Rick Ward.

Board members Kathy Hodges and Bill Kirby were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Janet Demiray called the meeting to order at 12:08 and welcomed those in attendance.

Director Rick Ward read an email from board member Melanie Soulos resigning her position on the board due to her new job in Chatham that would keep her from attending meetings.

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 13th meeting in Patrick County were presented and, after two corrections to the minutes, Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the minutes be approved, Carol Meyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

As George Gutshall was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, Director Rick Ward reviewed the financial report.

He reported that George asked that the board be made aware that it may seem our ratio of revenue to costs is off as we have received almost all our funding for the year but we will incur two more months of expenses.

Carol Meyer moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Since Policy Committee member Melanie Soulos has resigned, Bernice Scales volunteered to be on the committee.

It was agreed that the Foundation Committee needs to meet but no date has been set. BRRL Board Chair Janet Demiray will get in touch with Christine Pegram to see if she wants to continue to be on the Foundation Committee.

Old Business:

In reference to our FY2016-17 budget, Rick reported that the Martinsville City budget and the Patrick County budget had been adopted so we should get level funding that we requested from them. We are still waiting to see what Henry County has decided to do and are hopeful we will get the extra funding we need to extend the three branch's hours.

Last month, Board Chair Janet Demiray presented proposed amendments to the BRRL Board of Trustees By-Laws Sections II and III. The first amendment would change the “Regular Meetings” statement to read that the board will meet monthly instead of every other month and mandate the selection of a nominating committee each year. The second amendment would set a term of office and an election schedule for the officers of the board. Bill Kirby had noted the current by-laws state the board shall wait until the next meeting to adopt the amendments after a favorable vote by three-quarters of the membership of the board. On a motion by Betsy Haskins, seconded by Linda Wilson, the board voted unanimously to adopt the amendments.

After some discussion and on a motion by Linda Wilson, seconded by Betsy Haskins, members of a Nominating Committee to select candidates for office for the next fiscal year were selected. The committee will be comprised of Bernice Scales, Bill Kirby, and Mary Ruth Reynolds and the motion passed by unanimous vote of the board.

New Business:

Rick reminded the board that we need to look at our Five-Year Plan to make any necessary revisions and approve the plan at our next board meeting per State Aid requirements. He will email the plan to all board members in case they can't find their copy.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the next Friends sale will be in Martinsville on June 21st.

Director's Agenda:

Director Ward referred the board to the printed director's report.

He noted that work has begun on the repaving of the Ridgeway branch parking lot. He suggested the board go ahead and vote to move the money from the capital account to the general fund in order to pay the contractor. Linda Wilson made the motion to move the funds, Bernice Scales seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Margaret Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:16, Linda Wilson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary