

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
July 20, 2016

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

Also attending were Director Rick Ward and Staff Administrative Assistant George Gutshall.

Board members Janet Demiray, Kathy Hodges, Bill Kirby and Mary Campbell Stromire were absent.

Call to Order:

Since Board Chair Janet Demiray was out due to injury and the lack of a Vice-Chair since the resignation of Melanie Soulos, Secretary Carol Meyer called the meeting to order at 12:08 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 15th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Bernice Scales moved that the minutes be approved, Linda Wilson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the financial report.

He reported that our revenues were on target at the end of the fiscal year and our expenses were lower than projected which resulted in a year end surplus. We acquired new computer chairs for all the branches with some of the surplus. We also have replaced the patron computers at Bassett with Patrick scheduled to be next when funding becomes available.

George is reconciling the capital accounts here at year end and he noted that our mutual funds have done well. He noted that we finished the fiscal year with a balance close to the beginning balance of the fund even though we withdrew funding for the parking lot in Ridgeway. In other words, we were able to cover the cost of paving the Ridgeway parking lot with the income from the funds.

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

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

Last month the Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers for the Board's consideration. With no other nominations submitted, the Board voted unanimously for the slate of officers for this year on a motion by Bernice Scales which was seconded by Mary Ruth Reynolds. This year's officers will be: Janet Demiray, Chair; Betsy Haskins, Vice-Chair; Carol Meyer, Secretary; and Linda Wilson, Treasurer.

Rick noted that the Foundation Committee really needs to set up a bank account for the Foundation and asked for new members to join the Foundation Board with no takers at this time. The Foundation Committee will meet sometime in August.

New Business:

Linda Wilson suggested we ask the Friends of the Library to donate funds to the Rainelle Public Library in West Virginia that was inundated with 9 feet of water during the flood on June 23, 2016. They are nowhere near accepting books or materials as the building was so badly damaged but a GoFundMe page has been set up for monetary donations.

Friends Report:

The next Friend's sale will be Tuesday, August 30th from 3 – 8PM.

Director's Agenda:

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

Rick noted that the next board meeting will be at the Ridgeway Branch on August 18th which is a Thursday. We have to meet then as the library is closed on Wednesday and our meetings have to be open to the public. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Adjournment:

Betsy Haskins moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:35, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary