

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
February 21, 2018

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

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

Board members Bill Kirby and Kathy Hodges were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed those in attendance. She then presented Melissa Rich with a Five-Year Service Award and Randy Glover a Thirty-Year Service Award.

She then introduced Gary Collins from Stifel where some of our capital accounts are invested. He gave us an overview of what he thinks the market will do in the next year or so and advised us to “stay with the flow” and leave everything the way it is now.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 24th meeting in Collinsville were presented and Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the minutes be approved, Mary Ruth Reynolds seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library’s financial report.

He reported that there has been no change in our operational budget with nothing unexpected arising. He also discussed the funds that remain in our account at Carter Bank & Trust as well as the capital accounts at Stifel. He is making a recommendation to the Finance Committee about possibly moving some funds and will discuss that with the board after the Finance Committee has a chance to meet.

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

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell reported that she along with some members of the library staff attended the festival that was held for the JOIDES Resolution at the Virginia Museum of Natural History on the 17th. She had also written a report detailing the training the week before at the museum that was very successful and sent it to the rest of the board.

Margaret also reported she, Collinsville Branch Manager Kim Martin and Director Rick Ward had met with Collinsville Supervisor Joe Bryant at the branch. He was gracious enough to give us an hour of his time and seemed to be impressed with the activities at the branch. She suggested that the rest of the board ask their representative to visit the library in their jurisdiction.

She also suggested that the board members like and share the library Facebook page’s posts.

Old Business:

Janet Demiray reported that the bookmobile fund now has received the \$20,000 grant from the Richard Reynolds Foundation and that the fund now has approximately \$172,512. The fundraising committee is planning to solicit the 10 largest companies in Patrick County and see if they will donate \$1,000 each to help us reach our goal. It will be called the "10 for 10" project. Rick said that we had received two bids back from the RFP and the deadline is the end of the month.

New Business:

Rick passed out his Director's Goals for the year and went over them. Board Chair Betsy Haskins said that it was a good idea for the board to come up with a list of goals and asked that all the committees meet and come up with some goals for the board to be turned in at the May board meeting.

Rick reported that the JOIDES Resolution kiosks had been moved from the museum to all the branches and those would stay there until March 1st when they will then be moved to the Bassett branch for our big festival on March 3rd. Several board members volunteered to help at the festival.

The history display titled *Strong Men & Women of Virginia* from the Library of Virginia is now on exhibit for the month of February, which is Black History Month, and is located at the Martinsville branch. One of the people honored is Dana Olden Baldwin, Martinsville, physician and entrepreneur.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the Friend's sale in Martinsville brought in \$1,321. The next sale will be at the Patrick County branch on April 7th.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Jim Allen moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:21, Bernice Scales seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary