Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
May 15, 2019

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

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Prillaman, and Acquisition's Associate Susan Mikles.

Board members Kathy Hodges and Mary Ruth Reynolds were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:01 and welcomed those in attendance.

Director Rick Ward presented Susan Mikles a plaque and congratulated her for her 20 years of dedicated service to the library.

Carol Meyer commented eloquently on how she enjoyed her time on the board and working with the other board members as her two terms of service are about to expire in June.

Minutes:

The minutes from the April 17th meeting in Patrick County were presented and Carol Meyer moved that the minutes be approved, Bernice Scales seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Elizabeth Prillaman reviewed the library's financial report.

She noted that we will be taking the funds for the lighting upgrade in Bassett and Martinsville, plus the new flooring in Martinsville as well as the upgrades to the Martinsville HVAC system out of the Stifel capital accounts. The total for all of it is $100,504.39.

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

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Marketing Committee, reported that Janet Demiray and James Martin spoke to the Patrick County Young Professionals and they are interested in partnering with the library. She stressed the importance of advocacy and announced that upcoming speaking events will be with the Kiwanis Club on June 6th, Uptown Rotary Club on June 13th, and the staff of VMNH on June 23rd.

Rick reported the department heads had been discussing doing background checks on volunteers who will be working with children on a regular basis. The question we have is should we make the volunteer pay for the background check? The Policy Committee will take up the issue with some more information from Rick who will check with other library systems to see what they do.

Old Business:

Rick reminded the board of the new bookmobile ribbon cutting ceremony that was happening the next day at the Patrick Branch Library at 12:30PM.

Rick passed out a compilation of the ideas for the new five-year plan that came from the branch managers and some of the board members. Everyone is to look over the plan and send any ideas, comments, or suggestions to him before the next board meeting.

New Business:

Rick reported that he had heard from Henry County, the City of Martinsville, and Patrick County that we will be getting level funding for next fiscal year.

Board Chair Betsy Haskins signed the application for State Aid that is due by June 1st.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the next Friends sale will be in August.

Director's Agenda:

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

A nominating committee was formed to suggest board members to serve as officers for the next fiscal year. The committee is comprised of Carol Meyer, Janet Demiray, and Bernice Scales.

Adjournment:

Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:01, Janet Demiray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary