Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Patrick County Branch Library
September 11, 2019

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Bernice Scales, Mary Campbell Stromire and Debbie Youngman were in attendance.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Prillaman and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton.

Board members Kathy Hodges and Bill Kirby were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:00 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the August 14th meeting in Bassett were presented and Bernice Scales moved that the minutes be approved, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Elizabeth Prillaman reviewed the library's financial report.

She reported that we had not received our quarterly payment from the City of Martinsville but we had received payments from Henry and Patrick Counties.

We have new phones at the Martinsville Library and found out we would have to pay about $4,800/yr. for them which we had not had to do previously due to an oversight on the part of the City. We also had to have a server repaired that required tech support that we weren't expecting for a cost of around $4,500. Neither of these was budgeted for.

There was a discussion of how much of an increase we would have to ask the localities for to give all staff members a 3% pay increase. We also have gotten two estimates to trim the trees at the Martinsville Branch.

Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Janet Demiray seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Marketing Committee and Speakers Bureau, reported that Betsy Haskins spoke to the Altrusa Club and she spoke to the Martinsville Uptown Rotary last month. The committee also met with the Friends of the Library at their meeting on September 9th.

Old Business:

It was decided to have the Board Retreat on November 2nd at 9:30am. Location TBD.

It was also decided to meet with Architect Glenn Reynolds on September 24th at 2pm at the Bassett Branch Library to discuss the Bassett Expansion Project.

Rick reported that staff will meet with representatives for the Museums, Libraries, and Social Wellbeing study on September 30th where they will interview department heads and then hold interviews with our partners over the next two days.

New Business:

There was a discussion on when to try to speak to the localities' boards in the near future to promote the success of the Summer Reading/Feeding programs. The tentative dates are: October 8 – City of Martinsville; October 14 – Patrick County; October 22 – Henry County.

Margaret Caldwell suggested the Buildings and Grounds committee look into getting better signage for the handicapped parking at the Martinsville Library.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the Friends are going to have a sale on October 4th from 1 – 5:30 for Friends members and on October 5th from 9:30 – 2 for the general public at the Martinsville Library.

There was a brief discussion on doing another book sale at the Patrick County branch and possibly recruiting new Friends members from the area to oversee the sale.

Director's Agenda:

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

The library director's consortium SALAD will meet at the Martinsville Library on September 12th.

He will being attending the Library of Virginia Director's meeting in Richmond from September 18 – 20.

Adjournment:

Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:24, Debbie Youngman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary