Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Ridgeway Branch Library
October 17, 2019

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

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Prillaman and Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn.

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 September 11th meeting in Patrick were presented and Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the minutes be approved, Kathy Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Elizabeth Prillaman reviewed the library's financial report.

She reported that the amount of e-rate funding in the financial report was $37,414 and not $38,500. She passed out a report from our capital accounts sent by Stifel that came after her report was sent.

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

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Marketing Committee and Speakers Bureau, reported that she had arranged to speak to the Non-Profit Leaders Network on October 31st and the MHC Chamber of Commerce on December 12th.

Old Business:

Rick passed out the new Board of Trustees training manual that has just been revised by the Library of Virginia. He pointed out some things of interest such as the consent agenda, the board and director evaluation templates, and the new rules on electronic meetings.

The Board Retreat will be on November 2nd, 9:30 a.m. at the Starling Ave. Baptist Church.

Architect Glenn Reynolds sent a quote for the preliminary work for the Bassett Expansion Project. Committee member Jim Allen will contact him to ask for clarification on some of the details.

Rick reported that staff met with representatives for the Museums, Libraries, and Social Wellbeing study on September 30th where they interviewed the branch managers and then held interviews with our partners over the next two days. The feedback they gave was very positive and complimentary for all the programs we do to improve the health and wellness of our communities.

There was a discussion about the donation from the Martin F. Clark, Sr. Foundation and it was decided that was a matter for the Foundation board.

New Business:

Rick reported that the library had spoken to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors and the Martinsville City Council regarding the success of the Summer Reading/Feeding program. We are on the agenda to speak to the Henry County Board of Supervisors on November 26th at 3 p.m.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the Friends last sale at the Martinsville Library brought in $1,603.55. The next sale will be in Martinsville on November 16th from 9:30 – 2.

Randy Glover, long time BRRL staff member, officially retired on October 1st and there will be a retirement party for him on October 21st at the Martinsville branch. The public is invited from 12 – 1 and the staff will gather from 1:30 – 2:30 to wish him the best in his retirement.

Director's Agenda:

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

He will being attending the Virginia Library Association's Conference in Norfolk from October 23 – 25.

Adjournment:

Bernice Scales moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:33, Janet Demiray seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary