Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Collinsville Branch Library
January 15, 2020

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

Also attending were Director Rick Ward and Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Prillaman.

Board members Jim Allen and Kathy Hodges were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:05 and welcomed those in attendance. After an addition to New Business by Betsy Haskins and on a motion by Bernice Scales, seconded by Mary Campbell Stromire, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Minutes:

The minutes from the December 18th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Margaret Caldwell moved that the minutes be approved, Mary Campbell Stromire seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

Elizabeth Prillaman reviewed the library's financial report.

She reported that the revenues and expenses for the first six months in the fiscal year were in line with our expectations and she did not see anything of concern in operations at this time.

Rick said that Gary Collins from Stifel had called and given him an update on our capital accounts and reported on what he said.

Mary Campbell Stromire 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 Quality Printing has printed the trifolds but their folding machine had broken down and we were still waiting on them. She and Debbie Youngman will talk to businesses to see if we can place the trifolds in their waiting rooms. Her talk to the MHC Chamber of Commerce was postponed and has been rescheduled for February 13th. She also noted that National Library Week is April 19th – 25th and she will get with Brian Robinson to do PSA's again and she asked Betsy Haskins to draft a proclamation for the week to be sent to the governing boards of the localities.

Old Business:

Rick gave an update on the Bassett Expansion Project. He had received an email from the architects and they are preparing a blueprint of the current building and its layout plus the surveyors had begun their work which should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Janet Demiray reported on behalf of the Blue Ridge Regional Library Foundation and noted they are looking for new members for their board. Elizabeth reported that the soft fundraising campaign had raised $12,807 as of the end of December.

New Business:

Elizabeth reported that we had received an estimate for the Martinsville Library's roof to repair the leaks. To replace the whole roof would cost an estimated $105,650 or they could patch one spot that is leaking for $500. It was noted that there is more than one leak in the roof and, on a motion by Bernice Scales seconded by Mary Campbell Stromire, the board voted unanimously to have all the leaks patched rather than replace the roof.

There was a discussion about the budget and staff raises and Board Chair Betsy Haskins said we need to campaign on behalf of the library the need for more funding from the localities. She suggested that the board members contact anyone who could help such as Friends of the Library, the Foundation Board members and local constituents to advocate for more funding for the library system.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the Friends next sale will be April 17th from 2:30 – 5:30 for Friends members and April 18th from 9:30 – 2 for the general public.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Bill Kirby moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:08, Debbie Youngman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary