

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
October 20, 2021

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Marty Gardner, Betsy Haskins, Lora Mahaffey, Lewis Turner, and Sherry Vestal attended.

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

Board member Bill Kirby was unable to attend.

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

The minutes from the September 15th meeting in Martinsville were presented. Lora Mahaffey moved that the minutes be approved, Rebecca Adcock seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we had received our funding for the quarter from the Library of Virginia and Henry County. We are anticipating the funding from Patrick County and Martinsville before the end of this quarter. He noted that we are anticipating a payment of around \$53,000 from the Library of Virginia for reimbursement of funds covered under the CARES Act grant.

On a motion by Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Sherry Vestal, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, reporting on behalf of the Marketing Committee, said the Speaker's Bureau had been active with her speaking to the Altrusa Club and Betsy Haskins speaking to a combined meeting of the Kiwanas Club. Upcoming, Margaret will be speaking to Delta Kappa Gamma on October 21st, the Uptown Rotary Club on November 4th, and Lora Mahaffey will speak to the Stuart Rotary Club the first part of next year.

Old Business:

After some discussion, it was decided the board would start having their meetings on a rotating basis to include visits to all the branches.

Board Chair Betsy Haskins asked for volunteers for the various library board committees. The following have volunteered for these positions: Marty Gardner, Finance; Rebecca Adcock, Personnel; Rives Coleman, Plant/Facilities; Bill Kirby, Sherry Vestal, Rives Coleman, Lora Mahaffey, Policy; and Lora Mahaffey, Marketing.

New Business:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins asked members if they knew of anyone who might be interested in serving on the board from the Ridgeway and Horsepasture districts. Several names were suggested and board members will contact each individual.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported that the Friends held their first book sale in two years on October 15th and 16th. The two day event raised \$750 and they signed up 14 new members.

Director's Agenda:

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

He reported that he had not heard anything about the ARPA grant that he applied for as yet but was hopeful we would hear something soon.

He noted that New Year's Day would be on Saturday this year and asked that the staff be allowed to have that day off as well as the Friday before. The board agreed by consensus.

He announced that Mary Patterson, the recently promoted Martinsville Branch Manager, had turned in her resignation to take a position with the Martinsville City Schools.

Closed meeting under § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion of personnel matters.

Betsy Haskins moved that the board enter closed session, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the board entered closed session.

Margaret Caldwell moved that the board leave closed session, Betsy Haskins seconded, and the board left closed session.

All board members certified that the board discussed only the business for which they entered closed session.

Adjournment:

Rives Coleman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:24, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Margaret Caldwell
Secretary