

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Collinsville Branch Library
December 15, 2021

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Marty Gardner, Betsy Haskins, Bill Kirby, and Sherry Vestal attended.

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

Board members Lora Mahaffey and Lewis Turner 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 recognized Wayne Romano with a five-year service award plaque.

Minutes:

The minutes from the November 17th meeting in Patrick County were presented. Margaret Caldwell moved that the minutes be approved, Sherry Vestal seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He noted that we had a few large expenses this past month due to HVAC and lighting issues at Martinsville, and we used donation monies to pay for some new VR Goggles.

On a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, reporting on behalf of the Marketing Committee, said the Speaker's Bureau had no speaking engagements this month but Lora Mahaffey was to speak to the Stuart Rotary next month.

Old Business:

Bassett Branch Manager Karen Barley and Director Rick Ward presented the completed concept design of the Bassett Expansion project and explained how the new additions would be laid out. A discussion about funding ensued and, on a motion by Rebecca Adcock, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the board voted unanimously to support a fund-raising plan to be prepared by the BRRL Foundation Board.

New Business:

There was a discussion for the need to get new representatives for Ridgeway and Horsepasture sections of Henry County for the currently empty positions on the board with a few suggestions made for the positions.

On a motion by Rives Coleman, seconded by Sherry Vestal, the board voted unanimously to give each staff member a one-time Christmas bonus of \$400 with the accompanying payroll taxes to be included.

Friends Report:

There was no Friends report.

Director's Agenda:

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

He reported that he and Leandio Gravely had met with Henry County Administrator Tim Hall to discuss the upcoming budget and reported the presentation was well received. He and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton are scheduled to speak to Patrick County Administrator Geri Hazelwood and Finance Officer Lori Jones on December 16th. Also, he and Leandio Gravely will meet with Martinsville City Manager Leon Towarnicki on December 20th.

Adjournment:

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

Recorder
Rick Ward

Margaret Caldwell
Secretary