Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Ridgeway Branch Library
February 17, 2022

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Betsy Haskins, Lewis Turner and Cheryl Via attended.

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

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Bill Kirby, Lora Mahaffey, and Sherry Vestal were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:05 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 19th meeting in Bassett were presented. Lewis Turner moved that the minutes be approved, Rives Coleman 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 this quarter from the Library of Virginia.

Some of our larger expenses for last month included the $3,400 to Kroger for the food for our feeding program and $1,400 for a maintenance agreement of the microfilm reader at Patrick County.

On a motion by Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Lewis Turner, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, reporting on behalf of the Marketing Committee, said Rebecca Adcock had created bookmarks with contact information to try and get patrons to get in touch with their representative to let them know how much they appreciate the library. The branches will print them off as needed. She also mentioned the survey Rebecca had created to get feedback from patrons on what they like or don't like about the library.

Old Business:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins reported that she, Rick Ward, Karen Barley, and Margaret Caldwell had a preliminary meeting to discuss the Bassett Expansion Plan. She noted that every board member had a role to play in raising the funding needed to proceed with the project. She also reported the Fab Lab had gotten back in touch with her and they think they can make a 3D model of the projected improvements.

New Business:

There was a discussion on the role and steps to being an effective board member.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported that the Friends had scheduled a book sale for April 1st and 2nd. They have been working on ways to get new members to sign up and he noted that the Friends had given all the staff a Valentines gift.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Margaret Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:13, Lewis Turner seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Margaret Caldwell
Secretary