

**Minutes**  
**Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board**  
**Collinsville Branch Library**  
**March 13, 2024**

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Karen Despot, Greg Peitz, Yluelhaldi Rose, Lewis Turner, and Donata Worrell attended.

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

Board members Rives Coleman, Lora Mahaffey, and Sherry Vestal were unable to attend.

**Call to Order:**

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed those in attendance.

**Minutes:**

On a motion by Karen Despot, seconded by Greg Peitz, the minutes from the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in Bassett were unanimously approved.

**Financial Report:**

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

On a motion by Greg Peitz, seconded by Karen Despot, the financial report was approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

Karen Despot, reporting for the Marketing Committee, said she and Yluelhaldi Rose had a meeting where they discussed the small cards they were designing to promote the library system and would be put in coffee bars, restaurants, and other businesses. Rose is designing the cards. They also mentioned that we need to recruit some volunteers to help print out and distribute the cards.

**Old Business:**

Margaret Caldwell reported that Kathleen McEvoy from the WPPDC and Cindy Adams with Henry County had completed our application for the ARC Grant and that it had been submitted. She also mentioned that we had heard from Amanda Cox with Appalachian Power that we had been approved to apply for a \$20,000 AEP grant. Both grants will benefit the Bassett Expansion Project.

Greg Peitz presented the board with a pie chart that shows the direct branch expenditures for each locality and suggested that some of the differences could stem from Henry County patrons using the Martinsville branch instead of the Henry County branches.

**New Business:**

Greg Peitz said that Henry County Board of Supervisors member Garrett Dillard expressed interest in having the library system extend/improve its service reach to the eastern part of Henry County. He made a motion the library sponsor a study to see if there is interest in having this done in that section of the community. On a motion by Rebecca Adcock, the motion was amended to have the library talk to the West Piedmont Planning District Commission to do a study for the entire system on the needs in each community in the service area. The motion was seconded by Greg Peitz and passed unanimously.

Margaret Caldwell said the BRRL Foundation met, nominated, and accepted three new members for the Foundation Board which include Nancy Bell, Kathy Dietrich, and Jennifer Reis. Linda Wilson has resigned from the board.

Since the board members could not agree on the recent dates offered to have a board work day, Board Chair Margaret Caldwell will send out new dates via email.

**Friends Report:**

Lewis Turner said the next Friend's book sale will be April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Agenda:**

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

**Adjournment:**

Karen Despot moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:02, Donata Worrell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

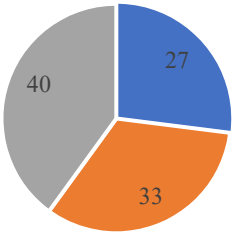
Recorder  
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose  
Secretary

Estimated expenditures  
by 20/20/60 allocation of  
system costs added to  
direct service \$

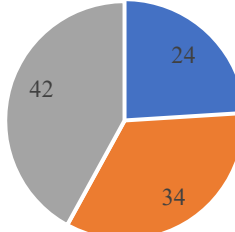
	Direct Service \$	Direct Service Hours	Actual funding to BRRL	direct service \$
Patrick	24	27	21	22
Martinsville	34	33	22	29
Henry	42	40	57	49

Direct service hours at Branches  
- 8/3/2023



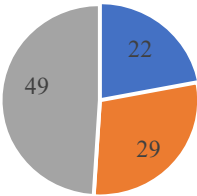
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Direct service \$ to funders' Branches - 2022-23



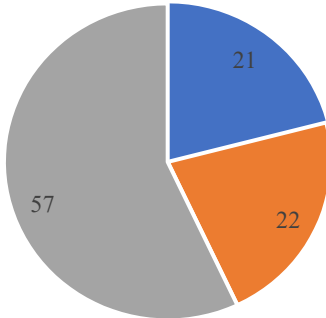
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Funding \$ to BRRL -2022- 23



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