

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Patrick County Branch Library
April 17, 2024

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Karen Despot, Greg Peitz, Lewis Turner, and Sherry Vestal attended.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton.

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Felita Claybrooks, Lora Mahaffey, Yluelhaldi Rose, and Donata Worrell were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:04 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

With one correction, on a motion by Rives Coleman, seconded by Sherry Vestal, the minutes from the March 13th meeting in Collinsville were unanimously approved.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

On a motion by Lewis Turner, seconded by Rives Coleman, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Rives Coleman reported for the Facilities Committee that the contract to renovate the public bathroom at the Martinsville and Ridgeway branches awarded to Quirk Design Build would be signed soon and construction could begin.

Old Business:

Sherry Vestal, reporting for the Bassett Steering Committee, said they had acquired a lot of donations for the 31 Bingo Fundraiser to be held at the old Bassett Country Club on April 27th. She asked for volunteers to help with the event and noted that there would be 20 games for \$20 with the opportunity to purchase more playing cards.

New Business:

Margaret Caldwell said the BRRL Foundation accepted three new members for the Foundation Board which include Nancy Bell, Kathy Dietrich, and Jennifer Reis. She said Sean Kearney and Melanie Margrave had also expressed interest in joining the board.

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell cancelled the board work day scheduled to be held on May 6th due to the materials needed for the meeting not being ready by that time.

She also reported that she had been in touch with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission concerning the study to see if library expansion in the eastern part of Henry County was needed and they had suggested the library apply for an ARC Area Development Grant to fund the study.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner said Friend's book sale on April 12th and 13th had brought in a little over \$1,000 and the next sale will be July 12th and 13th.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Lewis Turner moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05, Rives Coleman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose
Secretary