Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Collinsville Branch Library
April 16, 2025

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Rives Coleman, Lora Mahaffey, Greg Peitz, Harry Rhett, Yluelhaldi Rose, Lewis Turner and Donata Worrell attended. Board Chair Rebecca Adcock attended via Zoom due to illness.

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

Board member Sherry Vestal was unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Vice-Chair Rives Coleman called the meeting to order at 12:09 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

On a motion by Harry Rhett, seconded by Lora Mahaffey, the minutes from the March 20th meeting in Ridgeway were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

Rick Ward reported that he had contacted the administrators for all three localities and they have indicated they will propose a 3% increase for the library system for next fiscal year.

On a motion by Lora Mahaffey, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

After a brief discussion about the Martinsville HVAC system and the need for replacement, Rives Coleman said he would contact two attorneys to ask for advice on the responsibility of the City of Martinsville, who own the library building, to help with funding this project.

Old Business:

Per an email from Bassett Branch Manager Karen Barley, Blue Ridge Remodeling has indicated they will start work on the Bassett Library bathroom project next week.

Lewis Turner reported that the Friends of the Library have made a $5,000 contribution to the Bassett Expansion Fund. Margaret Caldwell said that TheatreWorks have tentatively agreed to putting on the play by Laura Teasdale, *Murder by the Book,* royalty free but have not heard back from them as of yet on further planning.

New Business:

Rick Ward said that there are six board members whose terms are up in June. From Henry County: Margaret Caldwell who is not eligible to serve another term; Lewis Turner who said he did not want to serve another term; and Sherry Vestal who was unable to attend the meeting and will be notified. From Patrick County: Rebecca Adcock and Lora Mahaffey who have not decided yet. From Martinsville: Yluelhaldi Rose who does want to serve another term.

Garry Clifton, Patrick County Branch Manager, has decided to retire after almost 34 years of service on May 31, 2025.

Director Rick Ward announced that after 24 years with the library, with over half of that time as Director, he has decided to retire June 30, 2025.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported that the next Friends sale will be April 18th and 19th.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

On a motion by Lewis Turner, seconded by Harry Rhett, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Yluelhaldi Rose
Secretary