

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
September 21, 2016

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Bill Kirby, Carol Meyer, Mary Ruth Reynolds, and Bernice Scales were in attendance.

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

Board members Kathy Hodges, Mary Campbell Stromire and Linda Wilson were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Janet Demiray called the meeting to order at 12:07 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the August 18th meeting in Ridgeway were presented and Carol Meyer moved that the minutes be approved, Bernice Scales seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the financial report.

He reported that we had received or will soon receive our first quarterly payments from the localities.

He reiterated that our expenses were abnormally high for the month due to payments we make once a year such as our e-book platform payment.

He noted that the HVAC system in Martinsville needs some repair work and we will get an estimate for the cost but we'll still need to get it fixed. The audit will start on September 26th and he will be starting the DSO process that week as well. The library has also realized a recent 7% return on our capital accounts.

Bernice Scales moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Bill Kirby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

The Foundation now has a bank account and the next meeting of the Foundation Committee will be October 3rd at 5PM.

New Business:

There was a discussion about the ad hoc committee that is planning the fund raising efforts for a new bookmobile and the importance of the BRRL Board and Foundation Committee to be involved in the process.

Friends Report:

The next Friends book sale will be at the Patrick branch on October 8th from 10 – 2.

Director's Agenda:

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

Rick reported that Congressman Robert Hurt came by the Ridgeway branch and presented him and Amy Bunn with a letter of appreciation for the use of the branch's meeting room for his constituent services. Congressman Hurt is retiring from office after this term.

There was a concern over the for-profit group Sylvan using the meeting rooms at the Collinsville branch. They will only be using the room for tutoring with no sales presentations and the branches already have individuals using the library for tutoring purposes so it should not be a conflict.

Rick also reported that the Cancer Task Force's event called *Inspired by Cancer* featuring speaker Michele Ryan was a great success at both the Patrick and Martinsville branches. He strongly commended the Friends of the Library for their contribution of preparing, serving and paying for the food during the reception with kudos to Betty "Boots" Scott, Mary Campbell Stromire, and Sue Hodges for a job well done.

The library will have a booth at Oktoberfest which will be held on October 1st from 11 – 4.

Rick noted that the next board meeting will be October 19th at the Bassett branch,

Adjournment:

Betsy Haskins moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00, Bernice Scales seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary