

**Minutes**  
**Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board**  
**Martinsville Library**  
**July 19, 2017**

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Kathy Hodges, Bill Kirby, Carol Meyer, Mary Ruth Reynolds, Bernice Scales, and Mary Campbell Stromire were in attendance.

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

Board member Betsy Haskins was absent.

**Call to Order:**

Board Chair Janet Demiray called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed those in attendance. She introduced our newest board member representing Patrick County, Jim Allen.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in Martinsville were presented and Bernice Scales moved that the minutes be approved, Mary Campbell Stromire seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

George Gutshall reviewed the financial report.

He reported that we ended the fiscal year with more revenue than we expected due to such things as the warm winter meant we didn't pay much for snow removal and our buildings and grounds expenses were not as high as in the past. Due to these savings, we were able to pay for projects that the board had approved using capital funds without having to actually use the capital accounts monies.

On the other hand, our projected fine collections were down below what we had budgeted for and we will continue to receive invoices from last year's spending this month to clear out credit card bills.

Patrick County has approved our request to help fund the Bookmobile and it appears we will get that funding in quarterly payments.

All in all, it has been an exceptionally good year financially for the library.

Carol Meyer moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Kathy Hodges seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

Margaret Caldwell gave a report on the Marketing Committee's survey campaign. After some discussion, it was decided by consensus that the Board would send a thank you letter to the branch managers, a letter describing the survey results to the governing boards of the three localities plus a letter to the editor in the local paper. It was also decided to have a planning session to discuss the survey results and work on the five-year plan to guide the library into the future on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon, at the Martinsville Library.

**Old Business:**

The Bookmobile Fundraising Drive is holding a fund raiser on September 30<sup>th</sup> when authors Martin Clark and Beth Macy come to the Reynolds Homestead for a panel discussion.

**New Business:**

Janet Demiray gave a report on the Board of Trustees self-evaluation that each member filled out. She noted that the results were almost all positive and the board will continue to do evaluations in the future.

On a motion by Carol Meyer, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the board voted unanimously to accept the following slate of officers for this year: Chair – Betsy Haskins; Vice-Chair – Bernice Scales; Secretary – Carol Meyer; and Treasurer – Mary Campbell Stromire. On a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Kathy Hodges, the nominations were closed. The slate of officers was approved by consensus.

Committee assignments and this year's schedule of meeting dates were discussed and approved. Jim Allen and Mary Campbell Stromire were added to the Finance Committee and Kathy Hodges was added to the Marketing Committee.

**Friends Report:**

Mary Campbell Stromire reported the Friends sale on July 11<sup>th</sup> brought in \$1,500.

**Director's Agenda:**

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

Rick discussed the STEM project that we will be doing next year in conjunction with the Virginia Museum of Natural History and the Girl Scouts from the area. Martinsville was one of only three localities to receive the grant and the staff is excited to be a part of it.

He also noted that the library will have a booth at the Smith River Fest and invited board members to come by and help if they so desire.

**Adjournment:**

Bill Kirby moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:17, Bernice Scales seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder  
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer  
Secretary