

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
September 16, 2020

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Bill Kirby, and Debbie Youngman were in attendance.

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

Board member Kathy Hodges, Bernice Scales, and Mary Campbell Stromire were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:05 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the August 19th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Margaret Caldwell moved that the minutes be approved, Janet Demiray seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that everything is in line with what we expect for this time in the fiscal year. He did note that we paid some large bills this past month for annual subscriptions and we will not have those to pay again until next fiscal year.

On a motion by Janet Demiray, seconded by Debbie Youngman, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins said that she had contacted Rives Coleman and he has accepted a position on our board representing the City of Martinsville.

New Business:

Rick Ward reported that he had submitted the application for the IMLS/LVA subgrant for which we have qualified.

After some discussion, it was decided to hold the course on reopening with the library system offering curbside services but to not reopen to the public at this time.

Closed meeting under § 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion of personnel matters.

Margaret Caldwell moved that the board enter closed session, Debbie Youngman seconded, and the board entered closed session.

Jim Allen moved that the board leave closed session, Debbie Youngman seconded, and the board left closed session.

All board members certified that the board discussed only the business for which they entered closed session.

Friends Report:

There was no Friend's report.

Director's Agenda:

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

He reported that he will meet with two media specialists from the Henry County Public Schools to discuss Sora which is a new offering from Overdrive that will allow students to access our Easy, Juvenile, and YA e-books. The schools will also purchase content and the library will get the circulation count.

Adjournment:

Bill Kirby moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:25, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary