

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
March 17, 2021

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Marty Gardner, Betsy Haskins, Kathy Hodges, Bill Kirby, Mary Campbell Stromire, and Debbie Youngman were in attendance.

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

Board members Janet Demiray and Bernice Scales were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 17th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Debbie Youngman moved that the minutes be approved, Mary Campbell Stromire seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that revenues are in line with what he expected, that expenses were down due to the shortness of February, and we will see an increase in March. He's gone over the budget for the rest of the fiscal year and are in better shape than he expected with us breaking even for the year.

On a motion by Rives Coleman, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Marketing Committee, gave a report on the meeting they had prior to the board meeting. They have compiled the wish lists from the branch managers and will meet with the Plant/Facilities Committee to go over them. She also asked that board members provide refreshments to the branches on April 6th, National Library Workers Day, during National Library Week which is April 4 – 10.

Jim Allen, on behalf of the Plants/Facilities Committee, reported that the architect working on the plans for the Bassett Expansion has all the information he needs to create the conceptual design. On a motion by Jim Allen, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the board voted unanimously to explore the possibility of creating a maintenance person position to help maintain all the branches. After some further discussion, it was decided to refer the matter back to the Plants/Facilities Committee.

Old Business:

Rick also reported that Kelly Chapman with Inspired, Inc. and her husband picked up the old bookmobile and notified him that they had arrived at their destination safely. He also reported that Michael Swendrowski from Specialty Vehicles Services who helped us sell the vehicle has been paid. Board member Jim Allen was acknowledged for his invaluable help in making this happen.

New Business:

Director Rick Ward discussed his plans for reopening the library and will update the board as we progress in the future. He noted the library has gone back to letting patrons in the building by appointment only on March 15th.

Rick also reported that a glass pane in the atrium of the Martinsville Library is severely cracked and we have contacted Martinsville Glass about having it replaced.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported the organization of materials in the Friend's area of the Martinsville Library continues.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Debbie Youngman moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:52, Rives Coleman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary