

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
June 16, 2021

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Janet Demiray, Marty Gardner, Betsy Haskins, and Bill Kirby were in attendance. Kathy Hodges attended via Zoom.

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

Board members Bernice Scales, Mary Campbell Stromire, and Debbie Youngman were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:03 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the May 19th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Rives Coleman moved that the minutes be approved, Bill Kirby seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that all of our revenues for the fiscal year have been received.

He discussed the new budget for FY21-22 and on a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board unanimously approved the budget for next year.

He also discussed budget adjustments that we needed to make to our current fiscal year budget to move monies around in the budget so it will balance to finish out the year. On a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board voted unanimously to make those budget adjustments.

On a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

Rick Ward reported that Service Roofing had brought materials to replace the roof at the Martinsville Library and they were going to start work on it the next day. He reported he had contacted them that morning and stressed the need to get the roof finished by the end of June.

New Business:

There was a discussion of the new board members. This was the last meeting for Janet Demiray, Jim Allen, Mary Campbell Stromire, and Kathy Hodges. Henry County has appointed Lewis Turner and Sherry Vestal and Patrick County is expected to appoint Lara Mahaffey and Paula Drady to the board.

There was a discussion of the need for board members to fill out the new Director's Evaluation and for members to fill out the Board Self-Evaluation included in the new Board of Trustees handbook.

Jim Allen suggested that we include a new section to the five-year plan and, on a motion by Bill Kirby, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board unanimously approved the five-year plan with the change noted below.

Board Chair Betsy Haskins asked for volunteers to form a committee to nominate officers for next year and Margaret Caldwell, Bill Kirby, and Marty Gardner agreed to serve on the committee.

Friends Report:

There was no Friends report.

Director's Agenda:

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

He noted that the Library of Virginia received funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and we will be receiving some of those funds. He will report back when he has verification of the amount and more information as it becomes available.

The board gave Janet Demiray, Jim Allen, Kathy Hodges, and Mary Campbell Stromire a standing ovation for their service to the board.

Adjournment:

Margaret Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:03, Jim Allen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary