

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
December 16, 2015

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Kathy Hodges Bill Kirby, Carol Meyer, Melanie Soulos, and Linda Wilson were in attendance.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Staff Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, Ridgeway Mayor Craig O'Der, Greg and Shar Pietz, and Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn.

Board members Dave Cuthbertson, Mary Ruth Reynolds, and Mary Campbell Stromire were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Janet Demiray called the meeting to order at 12:08 and welcomed those in attendance.

She then introduced Ridgeway Mayor Craig O'Der who presented Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn with the inaugural William Crosby Hairston Excellence Award for her service to the library and the community of Ridgeway.

Minutes:

The minutes from the November 18th meeting in Martinsville were presented and Carol Meyer moved that the minutes be approved, Linda Wilson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the financial report.

He reported that our revenue and expenses are on target so far this fiscal year and the first five months are in line with our budget.

We have received a draft copy of our audit and hope to have the final version soon.

George noted that the budget process is beginning and encouraged all board members to contact their representatives on the various boards to request full funding of the library's budget this coming spring. He reminded the board of the increase we had in insurance costs this year and predicted increased costs for the upcoming fiscal year. He also passed out a schedule of revenue showing each localities contribution from FY2009 up to this year which showed the percentage of reductions we've had to endure in the past six years.

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

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports though it was noted that the Foundation Committee needed to meet.

Old Business:

Janet Demiray briefly reviewed the board training they received recently and strongly encouraged each board member to campaign for library funding.

New Business:

Rick passed around a picture of the proposed “LOVE” sign that the Patrick County Tourism Advisory Committee is proposing to erect at the Patrick Library. The sign would be approximately twelve feet tall and sixteen feet wide if completed to “enable people to see it from the bypass”. They are still in the feasibility and planning stage so time will tell if it will really happen.

He also reported that we have not received any microfilm for the Martinsville Bulletin in over two years and that Heritage Archives, the microfilm company, still owed us four rolls that we had paid for. Bill Kirby volunteered to write a letter to the company.

Friends Report:

The Friends did not meet in December and there was no Friends Report.

Director’s Agenda:

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

Margaret Caldwell suggested we look into joining the Artisan’s Trail and Rick said the Friends are currently doing it on a trial basis. There is a fee involved and it was decided to wait and see if it was going to be worth the investment for the Friends.

Adjournment:

Carol Meyer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10, Melanie Soulos seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary