

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
November 15, 2017

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Bill Kirby, Carol Meyer, Mary Ruth Reynolds, and Mary Campbell Stromire were in attendance.

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

Board member Kathy Hodges and Bernice Scales were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:04 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October 18th meeting in Bassett were presented and Mary Ruth Reynolds moved that the minutes be approved, Carol Meyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that the new computer labs for Martinsville and Bassett had come in and were under the estimated cost we had originally approved. He also noted that our capital account investments were doing really well at this time. Other than that, he said everything else was normal for the year.

Carol Meyer moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Mary Campbell Stromire seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Bill Kirby reported he had talked with Gary Collins from Stifel and, based on Gary's advice, made a motion to move most of the capital funds in the Carter Bank account into the mutual fund we currently have at Stifel in four monthly installments. Janet Demiray seconded and the motion carried unanimously. It was also decided that we would meet with Gary on a quarterly basis.

Margaret Caldwell reported that members of the Marketing Committee will attend the next Interdepartmental meeting of the department heads to discuss what the board can do to help market the library.

Old Business:

Janet Demiray reported that the bookmobile fund now has approximately \$130,000 and that we have applied for a grant from the Richard Reynolds Foundation and hopes to hear whether we were successful sometime soon. The Patrick library, in conjunction with the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce, is hosting a charitable Christmas tree contest to raise funds for the Bookmobile as well as other charities.

Rick noted that the Eagle Scout project in the "garden area" of the Martinsville branch has been completed and looks good.

New Business:

Rick reported that we had heard from the Library of Virginia that, due to a discrepancy in how we've been reporting income and expenses in the bibliostat, we will have our state aid cut for the next fiscal year.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that the Friend's sale at the Patrick branch on October 28th brought in about \$1,800 and the sale in Martinsville on November 3rd and 4th brought in \$1,401! The next sale in Martinsville will be February 10th from 9:30 – 2.

Director's Agenda:

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

He noted that the Bibliostat is close to being complete and will be submitted the next day.

Adjournment:

Carol Meyer moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:05, Jim Allen seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary