

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Patrick County Branch Library
April 11, 2018

Board members Jim Allen, Margaret Caldwell, Janet Demiray, Betsy Haskins, Carol Meyer, Bernice Scales and Mary Campbell Stromire were in attendance.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Staff Administrative Assistant George Gutshall and Branch Manager Garry Clifton.

Board members Ashley Carter, Kathy Hodges, Bill Kirby and Mary Ruth Reynolds were absent.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:19 and welcomed those in attendance. Director Rick Ward presented James Martin with an overdue service award plaque that should have been presented in 2016. He also presented Tammy Cope with a five year service award before the meeting as she had to go out on the bookmobile.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 21st meeting in Martinsville were presented and Mary Campbell Stromire 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 explained that the majority of our budget went to cover salaries and utilities so any cuts in funding we may incur usually have to come out of our book budget. We do try to reimburse those funds at the end of the fiscal year if there are any surplus monies.

He mentioned that our capital accounts are down due to the unsettled market which is currently down.

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

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, on behalf of the Marketing Committee, thanked the board members who brought snacks and drinks to the branches to celebrate Library Staff Day on April 10th and those who wrote a letter to the editor that went into the local papers.

Carol Meyer of the Plant/Facility Committee passed out prioritized wish lists from the branches. It was decided we will get estimates to have the carpets and furniture cleaned at all the branches, new interior lighting at Bassett and Martinsville branches, a new projector for Collinsville, laptops for Patrick, and roof repair at Ridgeway. Rick will see about getting Ridgeway's sign re-lettered and Mary Campbell Stromire will see if the Friends of the library can get Bassett's sign fixed.

Old Business:

The press conference to announce that we had reached our goal and ordered a new bookmobile for Patrick County was a resounding success with three representatives from the media in attendance. Debbie Hall from *The Enterprise*, Richard Rogers from WHEO, and Ben Williams from the *Martinsville Bulletin*.

New Business:

Rick showed the board the really nice plaque that held the Henry County proclamation declaring April 8 – 14 National Library Week along with the matted proclamation from the City of Martinsville for the same.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported the Friend's sale at the Patrick County branch on April 7th was a tremendous success raising \$2,214.15 for the Bookmobile Fund. This is the highest one day total for any Friend's sale to date. The next sale will be held in Martinsville on June 15th and 16th.

Director's Agenda:

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

He noted he will be at the VPLDA meeting in Staunton from April 18 – 20.

Adjournment:

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

Recorder
Rick Ward

Carol Meyer
Secretary