

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
November 18, 2020

Board members Jim Allen, Rives Coleman, Janet Demiray, Marty Gardner, Betsy Haskins, Kathy Hodges, Bernice Scales and Mary Campbell Stromire were in attendance. Board members Margaret Caldwell and Bill Kirby attended by Zoom due to preventative quarantining for COVID-19.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Interim Administrative Assistant George Gutshall and IT Supervisor Brian Robinson.

Board member Debbie Youngman was unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:05 and welcomed those in attendance. Leandio Gravely gave a presentation on the programs the library system will be doing for the upcoming Christmas holidays at the branches.

Minutes:

The minutes from the October 21st meeting in Martinsville were presented and Jim Allen moved that the minutes be approved, Rives Coleman seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we have received our first quarter payment from the City of Martinsville.

He also reported that everything seems to be in line with our expectations and noted that separate line items had been created to track the IMLS/LVA CARES Act grant and our expenditures for COVID-19 related materials.

On a motion by Bernice Scales, seconded by Janet Demiray, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

Committee Reports:

Jim Allen reported that the person who was interested in buying the old bookmobile has made an offer and is prepared to move forward with the sale. Unfortunately, the title for the vehicle has not been located and Director Rick Ward will get a replacement copy from the DMV.

Old Business:

Rick Ward reported that he had not received any bids so far from SkyWalker Roofing or Service Roofing for the repair of the roof at Martinsville. Rives Coleman reported that he had not heard from his contractor either but they had looked at the roof.

New Business:

Board Chair Betsy Haskins asked if the library's website could be upgraded to include more information and IT Supervisor Brian Robinson said they would look into it and see what could be done.

On a motion by Mary Campbell Stromire, seconded by Margaret Caldwell, the board voted unanimously to adopt the new Social Media Policy.

Friends Report:

Mary Campbell Stromire reported that there will be no Friends sale in the near future but they were working to get things organized in the basement of the Martinsville Library where sales are held.

Director's Agenda:

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

He noted that the library system had acquired the new database Hoopla that has movies, comics, music, and e-books plus a newspaper database called NewsBank that will go live to patrons on November 23rd.

Adjournment:

Mary Campbell Stromire moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00, Rives Coleman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Jim Allen
Secretary