

**Minutes**  
**Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board**  
**Patrick County Library**  
**November 17, 2021**

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Betsy Haskins, Lora Mahaffey, and Lewis Turner attended. Bill Kirby attended via Zoom.

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

Board members Rives Coleman, Marty Gardner, and Sherry Vestal were unable to attend.

**Call to Order:**

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 11:58 and welcomed those in attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in Martinsville were presented. Lora Mahaffey moved that the minutes be approved, Margaret Caldwell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we had received our funding for the quarter from Patrick County and had gotten all of our CARES Act grant monies. He noted that the revenue from our new Square account that allows us to take credit/debit cards was up.

He reported that our expenses for October were approximately \$139,000 which is typical for most months.

On a motion by Margaret Caldwell, seconded by Rebecca Adcock, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

**Committee Reports:**

Margaret Caldwell, reporting on behalf of the Marketing Committee, said the Speaker's Bureau had been active with her speaking to the Delta Kappa Gamma on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Uptown Rotary Club on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She noted that the patron survey will need to be done in 2022 and that it would be good to include the phrases "investment" and "value to the community" in our public presentations.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion for the need to get new representatives for Ridgeway and Horsepasture sections of Henry County for the currently empty positions on the board.

Board Chair Betsy Haskins said there was a need for a steering committee to help with the fundraising for the proposed Bassett expansion and she and Lora Mahaffey volunteered.

**Friends Report:**

Lewis Turner reported that the Friends will hold their next book sale on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Agenda:**

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

He reported that he had presented newly promoted bookmobile coordinator Gayle Wagoner with her five-year service award before she had to leave to go out on the road.

He noted that we had gotten the final IMLS Community Impact Study report and that the Library of Virginia had paid for a United for Libraries subscription so the entire board has access to it now.

Rebecca Adcock said that she and Branch Manager Garry Clifton had applied for a grant to put a Story Walk at the trail in Dehart Park behind the library.

The next meeting of the board will be in Collinsville on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

Margaret Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:35, Betsy Haskins seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder  
Rick Ward

Margaret Caldwell  
Secretary