

**Minutes**  
**Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board**  
**Martinsville Library**  
**March 16, 2022**

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Rives Coleman, Betsy Haskins, Bill Kirby, Lora Mahaffey, Lewis Turner and Sherry Vestal attended.

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

Board member Cheryl Via was unable to attend.

**Call to Order:**

Board Chair Betsy Haskins called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed those in attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ridgeway were presented. Margaret Caldwell moved that the minutes be approved, Lora Mahaffey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we had some issues with the ARPA Grant reimbursement but he thinks it has been worked out.

On a motion by Sherry Vestal, seconded by Rives Coleman, the board unanimously approved the financial report.

**Committee Reports:**

Margaret Caldwell, reporting on behalf of the Marketing Committee, had sent out talking points to all board members so they could use them to speak on the library's behalf. She has also sent out proclamations for National Library Week to all three localities boards and they will be read at the Henry County Board of Supervisors and Martinsville City Council at different meeting times on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She suggested all the board members ask their representative to come to the library branches to see what we have going on and asked members to bring snacks to the staff on National Library Workers Day. Lora Mahaffey spoke to the Stuart Rotary Club on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

Glenn Reynolds, the architect for the Bassett Expansion, will speak to the board at its next meeting which has been scheduled to held at the Bassett Branch.

**New Business:**

There was a discussion on the role and steps to being an effective board member.

**Friends Report:**

Lewis Turner reported that the Friends had scheduled a book sale for April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. They gave a \$5,000 donation to the library for Summer Reading prizes. The Friends have given all the staff a Valentines gift and he noted they were warmly welcomed at each branch.

**Director's Agenda:**

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

He and Patrick County Branch Manager Garry Clifton will make a presentation to the Patrick County Board of Supervisors on March 28<sup>th</sup>. He will also be going to the Virginia Public Library Directors Association's conference from April 6 – 8 in Staunton.

**Adjournment:**

Margaret Caldwell moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:49, Lewis Turner seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder  
Rick Ward

Margaret Caldwell  
Secretary