

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Martinsville Library
March 15, 2023

Board members Rebecca Adcock, Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Rives Coleman, Yluelhaldi Rose, and Lewis Turner attended.

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

Board member Betsy Haskins attended by Zoom due to being out of town.

Board members Sherry Vestal and Lora Mahaffey were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the February 16th meeting in Ridgeway were presented. Lewis Turner 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 our finances were in good shape for this year and that we would be able to take the cost of having the boiler repaired at Martinsville from our operating expenses.

He also noted that we had received a check from the Friends of the Library in the amount of \$5,000 for the upcoming Summer Reading program.

On a motion by Yluelhaldi Rose, seconded by Rebecca Adcock, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, reporting for the Marketing Committee, said that she will speak to the Martinsville/Henry County Historical Center on June 18th.

Old Business:

Lewis Turner, reporting for the Bassett Expansion Steering Committee, said the press conference for the expansion had been rescheduled and will be held at the Bassett Branch Library on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. He encouraged all board members to attend.

New Business:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell reported that she had been in contact with Michele Eberly from the Community Foundation Serving Western Virginia and that we will be applying for one or more grants with them and the MHC Women in Philanthropy, which is under them. She also said that National Library Week will be April 23 – 29 this year and asked that the board members provide snacks to the branches in their area as the board has done previously on April 25th which is National Library Workers Day. She will also craft resolutions to send to the boards/council in each of the localities.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported the Friends book sale on February 17th for members and February 18th for the public netted approximately \$700. The next sale will be April 22nd.

Director's Agenda:

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

Adjournment:

Lewis Turner moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:53, Rives Coleman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Lora Mahaffey
Secretary