

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – February 18, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in the Piovano Room of the Rockbridge Regional Library System, in Lexington, on February 18, 2020, at 10 am.

Members present included Bruce McWilliams, Carl Behrens, Brandea Reed, Doug Horan, Gail Heslep, Tom Lominac, McKinney Williams, Tom Goodale, Joe Cailles and Jessica Rasmussen. Staff members present were Julie Goyette, Library Director, and Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Chair, Bruce McWilliams.

The Minutes of the Board meetings for December 17, 2019 and January 21, 2020 were approved as presented.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette introduced Circulation System Manager, Christie Gearheart. Mrs. Gearheart spoke on “The Importance of Frontline staff at the library.” There is so much more than just checking out books going on at the circulation desk. Mrs. Gearheart shared just a few of the many ways the staff at the circulation desk interact with patrons and help with their daily questions. This was a very informative presentation.

Questions regarding board packet

There were no questions regarding the packet the board members received prior to the meeting.

Discussion & Review

Mr. Horan, Policy Committee Chair, presented three policies reviewed and updated by the committee:

- Library Board Responsibilities

No questions from the board. Mr. Horan made a motion that the board approve the Policy on Library Board Responsibilities as presented by the committee. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

- Jury Duty

No questions from the board. Mr. Horan made a motion that the board approve the Policy on Jury Duty as presented by the committee. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

- Policy on Outreach

No questions from the board. Mr. Horan made a motion that the board approve the Policy on Outreach as presented by the committee. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

Action Items

Mr. Horan asked for a vote on the changes presented at last month’s meeting of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Horan made a motion that the board approve the Restated Bylaws. Ms. Rasmussen seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the Restated Bylaws.

The Bylaws did not include at this time the Mission Statement.

Public Comment

There were two members of the public in attendance:

- Brent Styler talked about a proposal he wanted to offer to the Buena Vista Branch. Mr. McWilliams thanked him for coming and advised him to contact Mrs. Goyette to arrange a time to speak with her about this proposal in detail.
- The Rev. Reginald Early, Pastor of Randolph Methodist Church and President of Rockbridge County NAACP, expressed concern over the lack of materials celebrating Black History Month at the library.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2020, at 10 AM, in the Piovano Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary