

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – September 22, 2020

Virtual Meeting Statement:

Good morning, everyone. I am Julie Goyette, Director of Rockbridge Regional Library System.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rockbridge Regional Library Board of Trustees is taking actions to minimize attendance at public meetings. In accordance with the Virginia Code Sec. 15.2-1413 allowing any meeting which requires the presence of members of a Public Entity such as the Board of Trustees may be held through real time electronic means without a quorum physically present in one location.

A notice of this meeting was posted to the calendar on the library website and on social media. This meeting is accessible by phone using GoToMeeting.

We ask that speakers identify themselves when speaking.

All members of the Board of Trustees who arrive or leave the meeting must verbally note their attendance.

Are there any questions from the Board of Trustees about the process for holding this meeting?

There were no questions asked by the Board.

Attending the meeting:

Library Director Julie Goyette
Chair Bruce McWilliams
Vice Chair Alexandra Brown
Treasurer Carl Behrens
Deputy Treasurer Tom Lominac
Parliamentarian Joe Cailles
Secretary Beverly Slaydon
Board member Doug Horan
Board member McKinley Williams
Board member Jessica Whipple
Board member Tom Goodale
Board member Thomas Bell

Not attending the meeting:

Board member Gail Heslep

A quorum of the board does exist.

Mr. Chair please proceed.

Mr. McWilliams asked for any questions regarding the board packet for this meeting. There were none.

Mrs. Goyette reported she had sent out the Participation/Circulation/Usage Report to the board members this morning.

The minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette introduced Amy Porterfield, Bath Branch Manager. Story time for the Bath Branch resumed at the end of June with virtual programs presented by Ms. Porterfield and Desk Assistant, Amanda McGuire. Programs are prerecorded in the Craven Room (large meeting room) and are streamed at different times of the day. Music and Movement is another program presented using musical instruments and dance. Ten Tiny Truths is a seek and find game where clues are given out and children go around the community and look for the hidden object. All of these programs are very popular in the community.

Mr. McWilliams thanked Ms. Porterfield for attending the Board meeting and her continued work as the Bath Branch Manager. He expressed the great positive energy she has brought to her job and the Bath community since moving to Bath.

Discussion & Review

Update on Executive Committee meetings – Mr. McWilliams reported the Executive Committee would be back on track and meeting again very soon. Ms. Brown, new Vice Chair, has had a very challenging time starting classes and working with students in this pandemic at Washington and Lee University. She had informed the board that she would need a couple of months to work her new schedule out before she took on her new duties as Vice Chair. Mr. McWilliams thanked her again for taking on the role as Vice Chair for the Rockbridge Regional Library Board of Trustees.

In-person meetings will resume next month at First Baptist Church, 103 N. Main Street, Lexington. Thank you to Mr. Williams for volunteering his church for the meeting in October.

HVAC quote

Following up with Mr. Behrens' question about the HVAC filtering in the library buildings at the last meeting, Mrs. Goyette contacted Southern Air and was provided a quote. In the two locations owned by Rockbridge Regional System, Lexington and Glasgow, the cost would be \$11,000.00. The three other locations: Buena Vista, Bath, and Goshen, are not owned by Rockbridge Regional Library System, and permission would have to be obtained before any changes could be made. Discussion followed on purchasing portable air filters. It was the consensus of the board that portable air filters were the way to proceed. These portable air filters would be seen by patrons in our public areas and would convey we are concerned about their health as well as staff.

Trustee replacement for Brandea Reed

Brandea Reed's husband was transferred to a new church in Greenville, South Carolina, and she has had to resign from the board. Mr. McWilliams has contacted two people in Bath to discuss their serving on the board. He will keep the board informed as he talks more with these people.

Mrs. Goyette reported the library's audit is still underway. It is being done virtually because of the pandemic, and is taking more time this way.

Comments from Trustees

Mrs. Goyette is very appreciative and grateful to her staff for their attitudes during a stressful time. Everyone seems happy and glad to be at work and serving our patrons.

Tom Lominac commended on the excellent job by staff and Mrs. Goyette during these difficult times.

Doug Horan seconded Tom Lominac's comment. He looks forward to meeting with Ms. Brown as soon as she is available.

Jessica Whipple is looking forward to meeting the board in person at the October meeting.

Joe Cailles asked about where we were with St. Johns Church? Mrs. Goyette will be in touch with the Pastor at St. Johns and get back with the board. This project has been stalled because of the pandemic.

McKinley Williams will be welcoming everyone with coffee and donuts in October at our next meeting at First Baptist Church! He also wanted to remind everyone about the book drive his church is conducting. They have a young member who was in the hospital recently and noticed that the hospital did not have books for children. They are working to change this situation with this book drive. If any board member has children's books to donate, please bring them to the meeting when you come. You can also call the church between 10am to 5pm and he will be glad to meet you at the side door next to Pure Eats or just leave them at that side door.

Alexandra Brown wanted to apologize for being late and thanked everyone for his or her patience. She will be calling Doug Horan to set up a meeting.

Carl Behrens thanked Mrs. Goyette for looking into the air handlers and finding a good solution.

Mr. McWilliams thanked everyone for their work and participation in the board.

Public Comments

No public attended.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2020, 10 AM

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary