

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – January 21, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in the Piovano Room of the Rockbridge Regional Library System, in Lexington, on January 21, 2020, at 10 am.

Members present included Doug Horan, Gail Heslep, Tom Lominac, McKinley 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 10:00 AM by Jessica Rasmussen, Vice-Chair.

Recognized at the beginning of the meeting was the fact that the Board did not have a quorum and would not be able to act on any matter that required a vote.

The Minutes of the Board meeting for December 17, 2019 will be voted on at our next meeting when we have a quorum.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette presented Debi Ratliff, Adult Services System Manager who introduced the Board to *Find It Virginia*, databases, online learning, and digital reading found on the library's website at www.rrlib.net. Mrs. Ratliff offered to review the sight with any board member that would like to learn more about the program.

Questions regarding board packet

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

Discussion & Review

Mr. Horan reviewed the draft copy of Amended and Restated Bylaws. There will be discussion of the revisions at the next meeting. If any member has any concerns or questions please bring them to the February meeting.

Action Items

None

Mrs. Goyette reported:

- Raetz and Hawkins have completed the Foundation audit. Mrs. Goyette has reached out the Robinson, Farmer and Cox about the library audit.
- Lexington has taken in \$2,660.00 so far in passport fees (\$35.00 each passport).
- Sue Milo, Technical Services System Manager, has retired.
- Michelle Steiner, Youth Program Specialist, has completed the coursework for her Master's degree and has stepped down from her full-time position and started student teaching. She will work part-time during the afternoons and evenings until her replacement can be found.
- Susan Bushnell, Youth Literacy Coordinator has retired.
- Becky McKenzie has been hired as the new Literacy Coordinator. She has a Master's Degree in Reading Education from UVA and her experience includes work as a Reading Specialist for Parry

McCluer Middle School, teaching middle school English at Shelburne Middle School in Staunton, and teaching adults.

- Carol Holland, Library Assistant for Goshen, has retired.

Ms. Rasmussen gave an update on the Buena Vista City Council meeting last week. Over 21 people (including children and young adults) stood up and spoke to the council about their love of the Buena Vista Library. They also requested that library funding not be cut. There was a brief mention in the January 2020 Rockbridge Advocate stating that Mayor Frank Friedman said Buena Vista Mayor Bill Fitzgerald informed him of plans to recommend cutting funding for the Buena Vista Library. Mayor Fitzgerald announced at the same council meeting that his comment to Mayor Friedman has not been discussed by Council and had come only from him.

Public Comment

No one from the public attended the meeting.

The next meeting will be February 18, 2020, at 10 AM, in the Piovano Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary