

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – April 27, 2021

Virtual Meeting Statement:

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
Board member Doug Horan
Board member McKinley Williams
Board member Jessica Whipple
Board member Tom Goodale
Board member Thomas Bell
Secretary Beverly Slaydon

Not in attendance:

Board member Gail Heslep
Foundation President Sally Wiant

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 no questions.

The minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting were approved with the correction of \$2,000.00 a year instead of 2% for Mrs. Goyette's pay increase. This correction was under Action items.

Foundation

Mr. McWilliams reported for the Foundation. The Foundation Investment Committee met virtually on April 22, 2021 and discussed the following:

- Fundraiser in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the library
- Discussion of funds, restricted and non-restricted
- Mr. Waller proposed a method of drawdown and distribution – he will draft the proposal for further review and discussion.
- Three new members will be joining the Foundation Board as directors after a vote of confirmation at the May 11, 2012 Foundation meeting
 - Bruce McWilliams
 - Charliss Chatman
 - Christyl Vorro

Mr. McWilliams has also agreed to serve as President of the Foundation Board once he is elected.

Discussion

- In-person meetings for the board of trustees and the public
 - There was a consensus that having in person meetings is important to the trustees
 - Mr. Bell thought we could offer both for future meetings
 - Masks and social distancing would still apply
 - If possible find an outside meeting area
- Board members departing in June, upcoming vacancies
 - Mr. McWilliams finishes his term on the board of trustees leaving a vacancy in Bath County. We now have two vacancies for Bath County. Mr. McWilliams and Mr. Behrens are working together to find replacements.
 - Mr. Horan will also finish his term and leave a vacancy in Rockbridge County.
 - Discussion on inviting high school seniors and college students to serve as short term board members or possibly paid internships. Mr. Horan suggested the idea should be taken to County Administrator, Spencer Suter before Board researches idea further.
- Goshen Planning Grant for feasibility of mixed use community center
New Goshen Town Council member, Steve Bickley has applied for a planning grant for a feasibility study of a mixed use community center. The town would like to renovate the buildings on each side of the Goshen Library. Those buildings would be used as a community center offering services that would benefit the community. The library supports this community endeavor.

The Board will vote at the May meeting on the following slate of officers:

- Chair – Alexandra Brown
- Vice Chair – Jessica Whipple
- Treasurer – Carl Behrens
- Deputy Treasurer – Tom Lominac
- Parliamentarian – Joe Cailles

Committee Assignments will be made in July.

Mr. Bell would like to have the board meet in the evenings. Many agreed with this and thought it might help to attract new trustees who could not attend morning meetings. Mrs. Goyette will do more research on moving our meetings to the evenings.

Mr. Williams announced First Baptist Church will be offering covid vaccinations from 2 pm to 6 pm on May 20, 2021. If interested call First Baptist Church to make an appointment.

Action items

None

Library Director's update

- Mrs. Goyette thanked the Board for their patience and support while she was out sick.
- The Audit is ready - our auditor, Saidee Gibson, will here to present the audit and answer questions at the May meeting

Public Comments

No members of the public attended.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM

Next Meeting: June 22, 2021, 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary