

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – July 20, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in the Piovano Room, on July 20, 2021, at 10 AM.

Members present included Jessica Whipple, Joe Cailles, Tom Goodale, McKinley Williams, Carl Behrens, Gail Heslep, Tom Lominac, Bill Lindsey, and Alex Brown. Staff members present were Julie Goyette, Library Director, and Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Chair Alexandra Brown.

Ms. Brown welcomed our newest Trustee, Bill Lindsey from Bath County.

The Minutes of the Board meeting for June 22, 2021, were approved as presented.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette introduced Wendy Redfern, Youth Programming Specialist for the Rockbridge Regional Library System. Wendy and Carol Elizabeth Jones, Youth Services System Manager, put together *Tails & Tales*, an animal themed summer reading program. During the summer, the Lexington library hosted a rabbit, two guinea pigs, a bearded dragon, and a fish. Each of the animals were loaned to the library by Lexington Pet Center. Happy Day, the rabbit, was the star in a Channel 7 evening news segment about our summer reading program. Ms. Redfern shared the 30 second clip with the Board. With story time and *Makers Club* programs held outdoors and the *Animal Nation Challenge* activities, this has been an exciting summer for our young patrons.

Questions regarding board packet

Mrs. Goyette asked for any questions regarding the board packet. She commented that the library audit would be taking place the week of August 23rd. Results of the audit should be back in early fall. In the budget under maintenance, expenses are down reflecting the ongoing challenge of finding electricians, plumbers, and contractors. Mrs. Goyette thanked Mrs. Slaydon for her work in continuing to maintain our buildings during a difficult year.

Discussion

There was a discussion on changing the meeting time and day to accommodate our board members in academia and anyone who has a difficult time getting to the 10 AM meetings on the third Tuesday. Mrs. Goyette will get back with Board members after she talks with Mr. Bell about his schedule.

The Executive Committee discussed unlimited sick leave for library staff this morning at their meeting. The Policy Committee has been asked to meet and explore policies for the August Board meeting.

Committee Assignments are:

Executive Committee

Alexandra Brown, Chair
Jessi Whipple, Vice Chair
Carl Behrens, Treasurer
Tom Lominac, Deputy Treasurer
Joe Cailles, Parliamentarian

Finance Committee

Carl Behrens, Treasurer
Tom Lominac, Deputy Treasurer
Tom Goodale
McKinley Williams

Policy Committee

Thomas Bell
Gail Heslep
Bill Lindsey

Action items

None

Public Comment

No public attended

The next meeting will be September 23, 2021 at 10 AM, in the Piovano Room

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary