

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – August 4, 2022
First Baptist Church 103 N. Main St., Lexington, VA 2445
4:15 PM

The Board of Trustees met in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church, Lexington, Virginia, on June 30, 2022.

Members present included Alexandra Brown, Tom Goodale, Bob Kramer, Tim Eldredge, McKinley Williams, Bret Kampf, Melanie Forde, Margaret Kirkby, Jessica Whipple, and Gail Heslep. Staff members present were Julie Goyette, Library Director, and Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary.

Ms. Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Ms. Brown thanked Pastor Williams for allowing us to meet in his church this afternoon. The library's monthly book sale was taking place in the Piovano Room during the time of the board meeting through Saturday afternoon. The change in location of the board meeting was posted on social media, the website calendar, and signs were posted at all locations and on both front doors at headquarters.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette presented the Mission Moment introducing a new program, a Career Online High School program, to be offered online via the Library of Virginia. The Library of Virginia purchased 48 seats and 3 libraries in Virginia were selected to participate in the program, Rockbridge Regional Library System being one of those libraries. Debi Ratliff, System Manager, Adult Services will oversee the program and Katie Ramsey, Digital Content Librarian will take care of marketing.

The minutes of the June 30, 2022 meeting were approved with the correction of one typo.

Foundation Update

The Foundation Board will meet next on August 23, 2022, at 4:30 PM. The Ad hoc Committee on Fund Raising will meet again before this meeting. The Ad hoc Committee consists of Mr. McWilliams, Ms. Whipple, Ms. Vozzo, and Mrs. Goyette.

Questions regarding board packet

Mr. Kampf asked how volunteer hours were determined at the different branches. Both he and Mrs. Forde have never been asked to record their volunteer hours in Bath. Mrs. Goyette will contact Ms. Porterfield, Bath Manager, and have her explain the volunteer sign up system the next time they are in the Bath Branch to volunteer.

Mrs. Goyette announced the figures for the fiscal year are not complete and items are still being added as invoices come into the library for year end. We are getting ready for the upcoming Audit which will start the end of September.

Discussion

- Goshen meeting on August 2, 2022

Rockbridge County Administrator, Spencer Suter, Jay Lewis, Rockbridge Board of Supervisor, Steve Bickley, Town Council member requested a meeting with Mrs. Goyette about the closing of the Goshen

Branch at the branch library. Trustees, Bob Kramer, Alex Brown, and Gail Heslep also attended the meeting. The library was there only to listen to the concerns:

- Group asked for list of repairs needed to building
 - Mrs. Goyette suggested they get the list directly from Landlord, Will Harris
- Roadcap Funds
- Safety of children attending preschool
 - Mr. Bickley and Mr. Lewis were concerned children may be in danger of being hit in parking lot when volunteer fire fighters drive into the firehouse. It was pointed out that the children are now going to school in a room with no window and only one door as egress.
 - Preschool is Rockbridge County's responsibility
- Mr. Lewis acknowledged that the Board of Trustees rule the library but the Library is funded by Rockbridge County
 - Mrs. Goyette acknowledged that if the Library needed to give back funding it would

Our neighbor, Heliotrope₂ wants to paint the exterior library wall adjacent to the brewery white. They will come back with their design later for approval by the board. Mrs. Heslep made a motion that we approve Heliotrope painting the wall of the library adjacent to their building white. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

New signatories are needed on the Cornerstone Checking Accounts since Mr. Behrens has rotated off the board. Mr. Williams as Treasurer needs to be added to the account to be able to sign checks if needed. Ms. Brown made a motion that Mr. Williams be approved to be added to Cornerstone Bank signature card. Tom Goodale seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

Mrs. Goyette asked the board to consider whether they would like not to meet in the summer months of July and August. Normally these months are quiet with vacations and we don't have much business to discuss. She would like the board to give some consideration to this idea and possibly vote at a later date.

Action items

All items voted on after discussion

Public Comment

No public in attendance

Ms. Brown asked if any member had any comments before adjournment. Several members thanked Mrs. Goyette for her leadership and professionalism during these meetings to discuss Goshen.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2022, at 4:15 PM.

Meeting was adjourned 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary