

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – November 3, 2022
Glasgow Library – 1108 Blue Ridge Road, Glasgow, VA
4:15 PM

The Board of Trustees met at the Glasgow Library, 1108 Blue Ridge Road, Glasgow, VA, on November 3, 2022 at 4:15 PM

Members present included Alexandra Brown, Bob Kramer, McKinley Williams, Bret Kampf, Melanie Forde, Margaret Kirkby, Jessica Whipple, Tim Eldredge, Thomas Bell, and Gail Heslep. Staff members present were Julie Goyette, Library Director, and Beverly Slaydon, Recording Secretary. Bruce McWilliams, President of the Rockbridge Regional Library Foundation represented the Foundation.

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

The minutes of the September 29, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

Mission Moment

Debi Ratliff, Adult Services System Manager, spoke about our new Fairfield Hold Lockers located at the Fairfield Rescue Building located at 5885 N. Lee Hwy., Fairfield. The lockers are accessible 24/7. The Rescue building has someone on duty at all times. The area where the lockers are located is well-lit and easily accessible from the parking lot. The library wants to purchase more of these lockers for other areas we serve. Mr. Kampf mentioned Millboro would like to have lockers in their area. The lockers were paid for by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act administered through the Library of Virginia.

Foundation Update

Mr. McWilliams reported the Fundraising Committee for the Foundation met on October 27, and again this morning, November 3, 2022, to discuss the annual appeal this year. There will be three ways the Foundation will reach out this year to patrons. The first is to our large donors with a formal letter. The second appeal will go to library patrons through e-mail. We hope to reach younger families this way. The third appeal will be through social media and the newspaper. This will all take place during the week of "Giving Tuesday, on November 29. The next meeting of the Foundation will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2022, at 4 PM. Mr. McWilliams extended an invitation to all trustees.

Questions regarding board packet

Mrs. Goyette asked if there were any questions from the board packet for this meeting. The board had none.

Presentation

Bo Cunningham, Outreach Manager, has been doing research on purchasing a vehicle to use for a new Bookmobile and the possibility of another vehicle for Outreach. He has visited several factories and continues to ask questions and collect information. The Big Blue bookmobile is still operating but it is a 2011 used school bus that the library converted to a bookmobile. The repairs, including an engine replacement, are increasing in frequency and expense. The library hopes to continue to use it in parades and special events. Some of the money from the large bequest we received earlier could be used to purchase these vehicles. Mr. Cunningham will continue to update the board as he has more information to report.

Discussion

Goshen update

- Lease has been signed
 - *Four Year Lease
 - *60 day notice needed to cancel lease after four years
- Library open House on November 17, 2022, 10 AM to 7 PM
- Pre-school meeting in new building

Scheduling meetings during November and December

After a short discussion it was decided the Board would meet next on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 4:15 PM in the Piovano Room, in Lexington.

Public Comment

No public attended.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 4:15 PM, Lexington

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary