

Rockbridge Regional Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting – December 1, 2022
4:15 PM

The Board of Trustees met in Lexington at the library on December 1, 2022 at 4:15 PM

Members present included Alexandra Brown, Bob Kramer, McKinley Williams, Bret Kampf, Melanie Forde, Margaret Kirkby, Jessica Whipple, Tom Goodale, Thomas Bell, Tim Eldredge, 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.

The minutes of the November 3, 2022 meeting were approved as presented with the names of Mr. Eldredge and Mr. Bell added as attending the November 3, 2022 meeting.

Mission Moment

Mrs. Goyette introduced Penny Dudley, Local History Coordinator for the Rockbridge Regional Library System. Mrs. Dudley's office is in the Glasgow Library. The Mission Statement for the new Local History Center, "The Local History Center will collect, preserve, and share the history and culture of Rockbridge County, Virginia". The goals are to:

- Collect and preserve manuscripts, artifacts and other materials pertaining to the history of Rockbridge County.
- Create effective permanent and temporary exhibits that share stories about the people and fascinating events that shaped our region.
- Provide and promote research of genealogical and historical records.
- Implement adult and children's programs that will offer opportunities for learning about Rockbridge County's rich history and provide a connection to its past.

Mrs. Dudley is enrolled in course work and setting up the library's new center in the Glasgow Library. The library is very excited to have Penny in this new capacity. The Local History Center will be introduced at the Rockbridge Historical Society's presentation *Glasgow Histories: Voices and Vision* program on Sunday, December 18.

Foundation Update

Mrs. Goyette reported for the Foundation's annual fundraiser:

- The letter to the large donors is in the mail
- A letter to all patrons written by Foundation Director, Tom Camden, has gone to the *News-Gazette*
- Jessie Whipple has written a letter that will go out on the library's social media from each branch manager over the next few weeks

Questions regarding board packet

Mrs. Goyette asked if there were any questions from the board packet for this meeting.

Mr. Kampf asked about signage for the Goshen Building. Mrs. Goyette explained that signage for the building is in the works at this time.

Mrs. Goyette spoke about the Open House in Goshen on November 17, 2022. It was well attended, went smoothly, and there were many positive comments.

Mr. Kampf asked for an update concerning the drawing in Lexington, on the library wall, in the back alley, that Heliotrope Brewing wants to have painted. Mrs. Goyette said she hadn't heard anything from them and would give them a call. She felt with the change in the weather they may wait until the spring but would report back next month.

Discussion

Operating Budget FY 2024

The budget is not final yet. Mrs. Goyette will know more by the next meeting. When we get our funding from the localities it will be important for board members to go to represent the library and thank governing bodies for their funding and answer any questions they may have. Mrs. Goyette will be glad to help any board member with what they might want to say.

Bookmobile purchase

Mrs. Goyette reported Bo Cunningham, Outreach Manager, is still researching the two van models for use by Outreach Services. The models are the Ford F-350 transit van and the Mercedes 3500 van. Enterprise Rental Car will be contacted to check if they carry these vans so Mr. Cunningham can test drive these two vans. More information will be available at the January Board Meeting.

Board Retreat

Ms. Brown brought up a discussion of a Board Retreat the first part of 2023. The Board was amiable to having a retreat.

Public Comment

No public attended

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 2023, at 4:15 PM, Lexington

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Slaydon
Recording Secretary