

Bracken County Public Library Board

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Bracken County Public Library Board of trustees was called to order at 4:40 p.m. on April 4, 2022 by President Sandra Wood.

Roll Call - Present Board members: Sandra Wood, Ava Grigson, Alex Hycza and Brenda Cooper. Library Director: Christian Shroll and Library Attorney: Cynthia Thompson.

Public Comment - no public comment.

Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the March 14th board meeting. Motion by Alex to approve the minutes. Second by Ava and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Ava to approve the Treasurer's report as written and filed for audit. This report included the Feb. balance sheet which had been missing in the Feb board packet. Second by Sandra and all approved.

Business

Policy Review

Circulation Policy - Circulation policy was tabled until the May meeting.

Old Business

- **Augusta Rotary and Dolly Imagination Library** - The Bracken Co Library can participate in funding this program through the Augusta Rotary Foundation to make this program county wide. Motion by Alex to give \$4,000 to the Augusta Rotary Foundation for this purpose. Second by Brenda and all approved.
- **VOIP System** - The details of this new system are being ironed out.
- **Surplus Items** - Motion by Alex to make the furniture and shelving items that received NO bids as having no value. Second by Ava and all approved. Christian will put these on a new site he has discovered to see if they will be taken.
- **Audit** - Christian has contacted Bramel & Ackley to perform the annual audit for fiscal year 2020-21
- **Government Issues** - Christian has called the KY Governor's office and requested that he veto the Senate Bill 167 which would turn library boards into partisan political entities.

New Business

- **Budget for Fiscal Year July 2022-2023** - The first reading of the budget for fiscal year July 2022 to June 2023. Motion by Alex for a 7% wage increase for staff, excluding director Schroll. Christian requested that his wage increase be 5%. Second by Brenda and all approved. The board felt the 7% increase was warranted due to other county employees receiving this amount. New hires

will receive \$9.00 per hour. Salaries need to reflect the excellent work being done by staff. The 2nd reading of the budget will be at the May meeting and reflect a 7% salary increase.

- **Board member nominations -** Since Ava will be moving to Mason Co., she will be resigning as a trustee. The board submitted several names from the Milford area to be contacted. The following names were submitted: Kaye Morford, Jennifer Ramsey Jones, Jarrod Grigson and Katie Cannon.

Director's Report

Christian provided his report for the board to review including the following points.

- ❖ Circulation numbers continue to increase as COVID concerns wane. Patrons have had high praise for the new children's area.
- ❖ Krista and Jenny came back from the KPLA conference in Bowling Green with some great ideas and made contacts with several directors.
- ❖ The bookmobile grant remains an unknown for the time being as the state gets details worked out. The formula grant through ARPA is moving along and the library will receive reimbursement of \$7,700 once the final report is submitted and approved.
- ❖ Programming continues to be strong with some teachers requesting staff visit their classes. Visits are also being scheduled to the Brooksville Childcare as well as adult crafts being planned.
- ❖ Library key ring cards are being considered to replace old cards.
- ❖ Library website - about us page - continues to be updated.
- ❖ The library collection focus has been on level reader/ beginning chapter books. Christian has been searching the BookDepot site for bargain books that he can purchase for Knoedler library in Augusta.
- ❖ Repair work on the front entry is almost complete.

Regional Consultant

- Update on open meetings/records and the State of Emergency.
SJR 150 became effective March 22, 2022 ending the state of Emergency and extension of SB 150 and SB25 which means public agencies can no longer hold board meetings without a physical location and has 5 days instead of 10 to respond to an open records request.

Adjournment

Having no other business Alex made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Second by Brenda and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Anna Cummins

President, Sandra Wood