

Minutes

Mecklenburg County Public Library (MCPL) Trustees

April 21, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Boydton Public HQ Facility-1294 Jefferson St., Boydton, VA 23917

Present: Chairperson Jane Lipscomb, Secretary Hilda Puryear, Ramona Field, Vin Montgomery,

Director Robert Rosenthal, clerk Mary Cherry

- I Call to order: Chairperson Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: for October 2020, Montgomery motioned, Puryear seconded. Motion carried
- III. Reports
 - A. Staff have participated in online trainings
 - B. Financial report: State funding came in higher than expected.
 - C. Circulation numbers are down, door count is down. Two branches (BO and SH) have restarted Storytime and Chase City branch will restart in May.
 - D. Hot spots are doing well with circulation. Chrome books will be available as soon as insured.
- IV. Old/Unfinished business
 - A. Budget update state 2021: Now: \$145,000, ended up \$154,000, next year \$162,000. Minimum wage set to increase to \$9.50 in May, and \$11.00 in July. Payroll is handled by the county. Potentially they could ask for staff cuts.
 - B. Covid cares grant: purchased hot spots and chrome books with data plans. County will pay the insurance on the chrome books. Another round of Covid money is being discussed, if it comes to individual systems directly we will probably spend it on tech-example: data for hotspots.
 - C. Holiday schedule: Juneteenth is a Saturday, county takes the Friday. As we have branches open on both days, we will take the holiday for both Friday and Saturday.
 - D. E-rate/internet upgrade: Making the move to Granite for phone and internet July 1. This will save \$120 per month. It will also increase internet speed.
 - E. Imagination Library: this organization is using the library foundation as their 501 3C. The program has signed up at least 165 children and have raised thousands of dollars. The children will start receiving books from the program either in May or September.
 - F. Meeting room clarification: the meeting rooms are open at all of the branches currently for one use per day/per room. May increase to two uses per day in the next month or two.
- V. New business
 - A. Summer reading programs are being planned in person this year. They will involve mostly crafting with some local 'free' guest presenters. Boydton is having a petting Zoo.

B. Chromebook forms will be created along the lines of the hotspot forms for checkouts. The replacement cost \$400, but patron would pay \$60 as the insurance covers the rest.

C. Five year plan: Montgomery made motion to keep the current plan unchanged, seconded by field, motion carried.

VI. Public comments: none

VII. Board member matters: Director Rosenthal thanked Montgomery for his years of service. This will be mark the end of his term.

VIII. Meeting action items: none

IX. Closed session: none

X. Adjournment: Next regular meeting July 21, 2021

Signature: Hilda J Puryear Date 7/21/2021
Hilda Puryear, Secretary

Signature: Jane Lipscomb Date 7/28/2021
Jane Lipscomb, Chairperson