

Minutes

Mecklenburg County Public Library (MCPL) Trustees

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

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

Present: Vice-Chairperson Ramona Field, Secretary Hilda Puryear, Bill Voorhies,

Director Robert Rosenthal, Branch supervisor Leah Davis

- I. Vice-Chair Field called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
- II. Reminder last Agenda as by consent over email.
- III. Election of officers: Vice-chair Field made a motion to keep the officers as-is. Seconded by Voorhies. Motion carried
- IV. Resolution: none
- V. Reports:
  - A. Director's report: Strong financially at this point.
  - B. Financial report: We were able to return some money to the county at the end of the fiscal year.
  - C. Circulation: circulation is down. We are not up to our regular pre-covid door counts yet.
  - D. Technology report: We have been saving money on tech support by utilizing our Finance manager, Connie Boyd, for on-the-spot tech needs. We have had one chromebook damaged. Going through the insurance process currently.
- VI. Old/unfinished business: None
  - A. New budget FY 22 is approved. Minimum wage has increased for the new fiscal year. State money has increased, so we are shifting as much as we can to those funds in order to keep staff funded with the new wage increase.
  - B. Covid cares grant and Arpa proposal: : 1<sup>st</sup> covid grand was used to buy hot spots and chromebooks. They are in circulation and doing well. 2<sup>nd</sup> covid grant in process now. Money will be spent for more data for existing hot spots and chromebooks and on recording studio equipment for patrons to reserve to stream or record Vlogs, zoom meetings, job interviews, etc.
  - C. Covid update: We are open for our full hours minus one evening at Chase City and one evening at Clarksville.
  - D. Internet/Phone update: July 1<sup>st</sup> was to be the date for a switch to Granite for SH, CC and BO. SH and CC made the transition the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July, BO still waiting. This is to keep our e-rate where the state reimburses the library 80% of the internet bill. The internet speed is increased significantly with the change. CL has a new Shentel service.

VII. New Business:

- A. Trustee new appointment: Welcome William (Bill) Voorhies.
- B. Exhibits Boydton: boydton has had a woman's suffrage exhibit and is planning two more before the end of the year.
- C. Summer Reading: we had in-person summer reading programs this year. They were somewhat scaled down do to circumstances but have been very well attended.
- D. CIPA: Motion to continue CIPA made by Secretary Puryear, seconded by Vice-chair Field, motion carried.

VIII. Board member matters:

- A. Previous minutes approved and signed by secretary Puryear. Agreed that meeting time/days would stay as scheduled.

IX. Review Meeting's Action Items: none.

X. Public comment: none

XI. Closed Session: n/a

XII. Adjournment: Vice-chair Field moved to adjourn, seconded by Voorhies. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm. Next regular meeting October 20, 2021

Signature: Hilda J Puryear Date 10/20/2021  
Hilda Puryear, Secretary

Signature: Jane Lipscomb Date 10/20/2021  
Jane Lipscomb, Chairperson