

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library System
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 17, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. in the Laman Library Art Gallery. Zoom access was also provided. Ms. McLean called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Ms. Valerie McLean, President; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Katie Phippin; and Mr. Sonny Rhodes. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Crawford to excuse the absence of Mr. Charley Baxter and Ms. Kim Drake. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Joyce Brewer joined the group. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, Ms. Shannan Hicks, and Ms. Robin Campbell. Ms. Susie Kirk joined via Zoom. There were no public comments.

Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Phippin to approve the Minutes of September 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. Ms. McLean asked for overage clarification and suggested income overages be listed in green and expense overages in red. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the Statistical Report. With higher usage and marketing efforts, emails of information provided to Members before meetings are too large. Ms. Gates will divide going forward. Mr. Rhodes expressed appreciation for the fall décor and programs, especially Check Out North Little Rock discounts. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Brewer to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Director's Report, including her PTO and recent meeting schedule.

In a Security System Update, Ms. Gates said the received bids of \$98,000 and \$117,000 would be compared more closely before a recommendation is made.

Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Phippin requesting Ms. Gates move with all due speed with request for 5 mills total levy and authorizing Ms. Gates to get city support and move forward. Mr. Rhodes suggested "Love your library" slogan.

Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to approve North Little Rock Historic District Commission's request for a Trail of Tears Glass Sculpture installation on the Argenta Public Library lawn.

Ms. Gates invited Members to the Library Staff Awards Dinner, December 3 at the Wyndham Hotel.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 28, 2022, @ 5:30 PM.

With no further business to discuss, motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Phippin to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary