

Minutes of the Board of Trustees  
North Little Rock Public Library  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 19, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. in Room 126 of Laman Library. 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, joining remotely; Ms. Valerie McLean, President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Joyce Brewer; Ms. Katie Phippin; and Mr. Sonny Rhodes. Ms. Kim Drake was absent. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to excuse Ms. Drakes's absence for a work commitment. Motion carried unanimously. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, Ms. Robin Campbell, and Mr. Adam Branscum. Ms. Shannan Hicks and Ms. Susie Kirk joined remotely. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Mr. Baxter to excuse Ms. Brewer's absence from the previous meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Minutes of November 29, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. She will update with red- and green-colored adjustments for overage clarification. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Mr. Rhodes to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the Statistical Report, noting the 223 free notaries provided last month. Ms. McLean and Mr. Baxter expressed appreciation for the work Mr. Theilig and Ms. Kirk put into creating the monthly Statistical Report and Quick Glance. Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Director's Report, including her PTO and recent meeting schedule. She highlighted an Easter Seals and North Little Rock High School partnership creating four internship positions for high school students at Laman Library. Ms. Gates and Ms. Hicks are set to attend the American Library Association's LibLearnX from January 25-30 in New Orleans.

Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Phippin to keep the same officers with Ms. McLean being President and Ms. Crawford being Vice President. The motion carried unanimously.

In a Millage Update, Ms. Gates met with John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary, and Cheryl Yopp, Just Between Friends President, to discuss a timeline. The campaign kicks off in the middle of January, and Just Between Friends will initiate a call campaign in early February. Ms. Gates plans to meet with Ms. Yopp again.

Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Phippin for the next meeting, falling on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, to be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. McLean requested Ms. Gates prepare proposed bylaw changes allowing meetings every other month in 2023 in time for the January meeting, when members will determine the annual schedule.

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

Crystal Gates, Secretary