

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
William F. Laman Public Library
Regular Meeting - Via Zoom
Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Ms. McLean called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Ms. Valerie McLean, President; Ms. Joyce Brewer; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Kim Drake; Ms. Katie Phippin; and Mr. Sonny Rhodes. Mr. Charley Baxter was absent. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, and Ms. Robin Campbell. Mr. Rhodes expressed difficulty opening zip files; Ms. Gates advised that no zip files were sent. All files are sent individually, usually in one email.

Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. We have received the \$200,000.00 from the City to be used toward the purchase of the mobile branch (aka bookmobile). Richard and Crystal are working with the state contract vendor on the plans. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Brewer to approve the Financial Report as amended (date update). Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the Statistical Report. Ms. Drake pointed out a typo regarding the notary totals, and Richard will check on that figure and have it updated. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Mr. Rhodes to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Director's Report, including her PTO and recent meeting schedule. As previously reported, while registering for our unique identifier to receive federal funds, library administration found various legal names for the library. Ms. Gates recommended clarifying the name of the system as the North Little Rock Public Library system, which is comprised of Laman Library and Argenta Library and any future branches or service points. The goal of the clarification is to create a clear "umbrella" for the system, while continuing to honor the contributions of library supporters such as former Mayor Casey Laman. Ms. Gates met with Mayor Hartwick, who approved of the update. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Drake to clarify the system name of the library to be the North Little Rock Public Library System. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Gates also met with Mayor Hartwick regarding potential buildings for library admin services and other services such as passport offices, and he recommended the current Police Department Investigations Building. Ms. Gates will schedule board visits of that property. Ms. Drake noted previous problems with that facility including feral cat populations and erosion at the rear of the building.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Under board member comments, members commended Chance Griebel for his acceptance to the ALL-In leadership program.

With no further business to discuss, motion Ms. Crawford, second Ms. Brewer to adjourn.
Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary