

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

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. at Laman Library in Room 126. Zoom access was also provided. Ms. Crawford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Ms. Esther Crawford; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Kim Drake; Ms. Katie Phippin; Ms. Joyce Brewer; and Mr. Sonny Rhodes. Motion Mr. Baxter, second Mr. Rhodes to excuse the absence of Ms. Valerie McLean, President, for a family engagement. Motion carried unanimously. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, and Ms. Robin Campbell. Ms. Susie Kirk joined via Zoom. There were no public comments.

Mr. Rhodes asked for details about the upcoming Children's Fishing Derby. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Drake to approve the Minutes of August 15, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Brewer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the Statistical Report. Ms. Crawford expressed appreciation for the Quick Glance designed by Susie Kirk. Motion Ms. Brewer, second Ms. Phippin to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Director's Report, including her PTO and recent meeting schedule. She has been researching and meeting with various stakeholders regarding the possibility of requesting a millage increase in early 2023. All present agreed to take a vote on the Millage question at the next regular meeting, Monday, October 17, 2022, @ 5:30 p.m. at Laman Library.

The CD currently holding funds from the Hamilton Estate is ready for renewal or withdrawal. After discussion, motion Ms. Drake, second Mr. Baxter to authorize Ms. Gates to cash out the CD and deposit the funds into the Service Account for the use of updating the Library's security system with the remaining funds to be left in that account. Ms. Gates and Mr. Theilig will continue to work on updating the security system as quickly as possible. At this time, the anticipated cost is approximately \$98,000.00.

Ms. Drake praised the Library's social media efforts, especially the Check Out North Little Rock Campaign, Facebook, and TikTok. Mr. Rhodes agreed the Communications staff is doing a phenomenal job. He also recommended "Intruders in the Dirt," Brian Cormack's photography exhibit, currently showing at Laman Library. Ms. Drake asked that the Board be reminded of upcoming events such as Art Walk or other special events. Mr. Baxter said to prepare for possible challenges. Ms. Gates advised that current policies regarding the reconsideration of materials are currently under review. Ms. Baxter praised Laman for the speed of her passport application, which was approved in only two weeks.

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

Crystal Gates, Secretary