

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library
Rescheduled Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met in the Laman Library Lecture Hall with Zoom access 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; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Joyce Brewer, joining remotely; Ms. Katie Phippin, joining remotely; and Mr. Sonny Rhodes. Ms. Kim Drake was absent. Motion Ms. Crawford, second Mr. Rhodes to excuse Ms. Drakes's absence for a work commitment. Motion carried unanimously. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Robin Campbell, and Ms. Stacy Purdy. Mr. Robert Rumpf, Ms. Shannan Hicks, and Ms. Susie Kirk joined remotely. There were no public comments.

Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Minutes of December 19, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. Mr. Rhodes shared his appreciation of Ms. Gates as a good steward of public funds. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Brewer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

During a review of the Statistical Report, Ms. Gates noted overall increases in 2022. She mentioned successful new projects and programs for line dancing and quilting/sewing in the maker area. 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. She highlighted positive community feedback for the Passport Service and Julie Delashaw's work with Access Life at Argenta Library. Ms. Gates outlined the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) measures needed for E-rate funding. She provided a millage update, including plans to call/text voters about the election coming up February 14 and Early Voting February 7-10. Ms. Gates presented an updated Strategic Plan, including a green initiative interest in solar panels. Ms. McLean asked about a partnership with Rock Region Metro to provide bus passes for library visitors. Ms. Gates has approached Rock Region Metro already and hopes the associated cost might be possible in the future.

Motion Ms. Brewer, second Ms. Crawford to amend the Bylaws allowing bimonthly meetings. Monthly information will be sent electronically. Motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting is set for Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

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

Crystal Gates, Secretary