

REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 21, 2004
Bradley Library Conference Room

Minutes

Members Attending

John Wells	Alice Budge	Bobby Ledford
Tonya Douglass	Bari Geeslin	Helene Watson
Jane Culpepper	Brinkley Pound	David Rothschild
Abigail Dillard		

Members Excused

Rosemary Russell	Helen Spires	Murray Solomon
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Others Attending

Claudya Muller, CVRLS Director
Donna Osborne, CVRLS Deputy Director
Lyn Anderson, CVRLS Finance Manager
Suzanne Barnes, CVRLS Outreach Coordinator
Brooke Mann, CVRLS Volunteer Coordinator
Ingrid Cheshire, CVRLS Administrative Assistant

The Regional Library Board Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Chairman Wells asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Claudya Muller stated that Rosemary Russell was listed as both attending and excused. There being no further corrections, the minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lyn Anderson presented the Treasurer's Report as attached.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Claudya Muller presented the Director's Report as attached.

OUTREACH SERVICES REPORT

Suzanne Barnes presented the Outreach Services Report as attached. Suzanne Barnes also thanked the Friends of Libraries for providing funding to the ELI (Emergent Literacy Initiative) Workshop.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A nominating committee consisting of Bobby Ledford, Bari Geeslin, and Alice Budge was selected to discuss the election of new officers. They will report to the Board in January 2005.

Claudya Muller requested that the Regional Board set a goal for the counties to work towards an increase in funding. Claudya Muller explained to the board how we receive funding from the state and how we use this funding in the counties. The Regional Library System provides both staff and materials to the counties. Alice Budge noted that MLS degreed librarians do not staff most rural libraries in the state. Claudya responded that staffing the counties with higher-level staff is a long-term goal. Administrative staff will be made available to go with local Board members to their county commissions, school districts, and city governments to request increased funding. Bobby Ledford motioned to increase county local funding to \$2.00 per capita over the next three years. Brinkley Pound seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed a staffing plan for Stewart County libraries. Claudya Muller presented two plans and Bari Geeslin presented the three options that the Stewart County Board developed. All plans were thoroughly discussed. Bari Geeslin stated that she was not in favor of Claudya's plans. We have received permission from personnel to advertise the Branch Manager position in Lumpkin Public Library as a full-time permanent position. Bobby Ledford motioned to go forward with Claudya Muller's Plan A. Staffing the branches with two clerks and alternating days open between the branches (Mondays at Parks from 1-6, Tuesdays at Lumpkin from 1-6, Wednesdays at Parks from 10-4, Thursdays at Lumpkin from 10-4, Fridays at Parks from 1-6, and Saturdays in Lumpkin from 9-2) until six weeks after a permanent Branch Manager is hired and trained. **The motion passed unanimously.**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Columbus Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.