

## Regional Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2023

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met in person at the Monticello Branch Library Meeting room and via Zoom on Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Ruth O'Loughlin at 10:33 am. The minutes of January 23, 2023 were presented in printed form. There were two corrections made. Sandra Crofford made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Dinah Cox and the minutes were approved. A revised financial report was presented in printed form. Cristy Dunnahoe made the motion to approve, Vernestine Wilson gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director's report included updates on the Dumas renovation, the new Arkansas Library law bills that would affect libraries, and the permanent closing of the Watson Library by the City of Watson.

There was no Old Business. Under new business were new policy changes. The Director went over the recommendations for the new/revised policy changes. First policy addition was 2.3 Public Comment Section. It came to the Director's attention before the last board meeting there is no policy concerning the public addressing the board. The Regional Board welcomes the public's questions and concerns about Library Business. However, this policy will ensure that addressing the board with concerns or questions will be done in such a manner that is reasonable and transparent. For policy 2.3 Public Comment, Dianna Harmon made the motion to approve, Judi Fava gave the second and the motion was approved. Next, Policy 3.4 Notification of Policy Changes. The addition of the first paragraph. This paragraph is from the Regional Library Board Constitution and Bylaws. The Director suggested it be stated in the Policy Manual as well. Diane Parnell made the motion to approve. Vickie Ross made the second and the motion was approved. Kim Forrest made the motion to approve policy 10.9 Potential Problems and Challenges. These were recommendations from the Arkansas State Library in view of the recent laws being introduced in Arkansas concerning challenged material. Dinah Cox made the second and the motion was approved.

Next under New Business was Christmas closings. A motion was made by Sandra Crofford to close December 26 and 27 for the two extra Christmas holidays. The second was made by Cristy Dunnahoe and the motion passed.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2023 in Drew County. A letter will be sent after the details have been arranged. Dinah Cox made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Dianna Harmon and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present in person & via zoom: Judge Jesse Griffin, Sandra Crofford, Dinah Cox, Cristy Dunnahoe, Judi Fava, Kim Forrest, Mack Jewel Grant, Dianna Harmon, Jerry Moore, Cliff Morgan, Ruth O'Loughlin, Diane Parnell, Elgenia Ross, Vickie Ross, Vertie Staples, Vern Wilson, Director, Judy Calhoun. Visitors included: Jennifer Knight and Robin Cook