

Southeast Arkansas Regional Library

MINUTES

Regional Board Meeting

July 18, 2022

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met in person at the Monticello Branch Library Meeting room and via Zoom on Monday, July 18, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Kim Forrest at 10:35 am. The minutes of April 18, 2022 were presented in printed form. There was one correction. Reathel Privet made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Diane Parnell and the minutes were approved. The financial report was presented in printed form. It was noted that we were half way through the year and we had spent 47% of the budget. Sandra Crofford made the motion to approve, Dianna Harmon gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director's report included an update on the ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act), fraudulent checks cashed on the Region's account, Summer Reading Program report, and branch repairs.

Under old business was the 2020 audit report. There were no questions. The first item under new business was the McGehee Branch Bank signature card. A motion to remove Tori Clark from the account and add Alyssa Hayes to the checking and online bank account was made by Karen Anderson, seconded by Cristy Dunnahoe. The motion passed. Adding Juneteenth as a holiday was next on the agenda. Juneteenth is a recognized federal holiday. Karen Anderson made the motion to add Juneteenth as a closed library holiday. Vern Wilson & Ruth O'Loughlin gave the second. Motion passed. Next under new business, the Director suggested removing fines from children cards. Diane Parnell made the motion to make children cards fine free, Vern Wilson gave the second and the motion passed. Next, the Director informed the board that the Region had received a 5th State Aid check. This money is not budgeted. After discussion, Cristy Dunnahoe made the motion to up to \$6000 for the 75th anniversary event and the remainder go into the branch improvement funds. Ruth O'Loughlin seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Director informed the board that the car was 10 years old and if it was time to look for replacement. After discussion, it was decided the Director would check for replacement and the board would be notified by email and text of the cost. The Director gave an update on the suspended patron in Lake Village. Mr. Davis violated his ban from all regional property and entered the Lake Village Library with the mayor. The police were called after he left the premises. Ms. McAlister will be filing for a restraining order.

There was no correspondence, but the Director did ask the Board to remember board Member Jerry Moore who had emergency surgery.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on October 17, 2022 in Desha County. A letter will be sent after the details have been arranged. Diane Parnell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Sandra Crofford and the meeting was adjourned. Lunch was provided by the Region.

Members present in person & via zoom: Karen Anderson, Jeri Brewer, Sandra Crofford, Cristy Dunnahoe, Kim Forrest, Mack Jewel Grant, Dianna Harmon, Gaynell Jamison, Cliff Morgan, Ruth O'Loughlin, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privet, Vicki Ross, Vertie Staples, Vern Wilson, Director, Judy Calhoun. Visitors included: Jennifer Knight, and Stacey McKeown.