

Southeast Arkansas Regional Library

MINUTES

Regional Board Meeting

January 28, 2019

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met on Monday, January 28th at the Dumas Branch Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 by Board Chair, Sandra Crofford. Ms. Crofford welcomed the new Desha County Judge, Richard Tindall, and Chicot County Board member, Jewel Grant to the meeting. The Dumas Branch Manager, Sheri Fisher, was also introduced to the board at this time.

Roll call was taken. The minutes of October 15, 2018 were presented in printed form. There were two corrections. Jeri Brewer made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Laurie Black. The minutes were approved.

The financial report was presented in printed form. The Director pointed out to the board a couple of line items where we went over budget. The Director requested that funds from the Materials and F & E items that were not used be rolled over to the 2019 budget. The Director reported there was an error on the last page of the financial that was sent in the packets. The new page was handed out at the meeting. Laurie Black made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. Diane Parnell gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director gave her report to the board. The report included information on the Arkansas Imagination Library and updates on staff changes in the region. The Director stated she would be traveling to Dodge City, KS in February to speak at the Southwest Kansas Library Conference and present a program on solo librarianship. The Director informed the board that the Eudora received a Bob White Grant for tree removal and landscaping. The Warren Library would be closed for a week in February in order to install new carpet and flooring.

There was no unfinished business. In new business, two bank signature cards needed updating due to changes in personnel. Mr. Staples made the motion to remove Jennifer Knight from all Monticello accounts and to add Elizabeth Newman. Dianna Harmon added the second and the motion passed. Laurie Black made the motion and Vickie Charles seconded, to remove Kelly Everett from the Hermitage account and add Jaime Thomas. Motion passed.

The 2019 Budget revision was next on the agenda. The Director passed out the revised budget. The Director called attention to areas that needed increases or decreases and line items that had been added. Jeri Brewer made the motion to accept the revision of the budget. Laurie Black made the second. After discussion, the motion passed.

Under correspondence and announcements, the Director reported on a written note and verbal thanks from branch managers thanking the board for the Christmas bonus. The Director announced the resignation of Headquarters Collection Developer, Brandy Horne and the retirement of Secretary/Bookkeeper, Mary Wright. The Director asked those board members who had not had their picture made for the Board Directory to stay and have their picture made. Laurie Black shared information concerning the restoration of the Pickens Plantation. Cindy Smith, Desha County Board member, announced that Charles Graham, Dermott native, would be having a book signing in McGehee and Dermott during February. Mr. Graham, a music evangelist, will be sharing his story

from working the cotton and bean fields of the Deep South to singing before kings and presidents. Mr. Graham has graciously offered to come to all branches of the region promoting his book “No Back Doors: The Charles Graham Story”.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on April 15, 2019 in Drew County. A letter will be sent after the details have been arranged. A motion was made by Raymond Staples to adjourn and seconded by Laurie Black and the meeting was adjourned.

Members present: Laurie Black, Jeri Brewer, Vickie Charles, Sandra Crofford, Cristy Dunnahoe, Kim Forrest, Jewel Grant, Dianna Harmon, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privet, Raymond Staples, Vernestine Wilson, Judge Richard Tindall, and Director, Judy Calhoun.