

Southeast Arkansas Regional Library

MINUTES

Regional Board Meeting

January 27, 2020

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met on Monday, January 27 at the Warren Branch Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Board Vice-President, Kim Forrest. VP Forrest welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

The minutes of October 21, 2019 were presented in printed form. There were no corrections. Diane Parnell made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dianna Harmon and the minutes were approved.

The financial report was presented in printed form. The Director discussed the areas that showed a deficiency however overall, the region ended the year with 91% of the budget spent. Raymond Staples made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. Vernestine Wilson gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director verbally gave her report to the board. The report included the hiring of new Eudora Branch Manager, Kim Reese and new Dumas Assistant Jada Kirtley. The Director report the Eudora Library also had new flooring installed. This is only a temporary flooring until it is evident the library will no longer flood. With the end of support for Windows 7 the region will begin looking at upgrades for its computers. The region received 100 new children's books for each branch, courtesy of the Brownstone Book Fund. The Director also reported the Arkansas State Library is using grant funds to provide an iPad and kiosk stand for public libraries in the Delta area to use to promote the 2020 Census. There will be a training during the February workshop to help prepare library staff members to assist patrons complete their Census Questionnaire online.

Under unfinished business, a motion to table the 2018 Audit Report until the next meeting, was made by Raymond Staples. Jerry Moore seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The Director will remind the board to bring reports to the next meeting. Also under old business, the revised 2020 budget was presented to the board. There was a discrepancy in the total budget spent amount for 2019 reported on the revised budget and the ending amount on the financial statement. The correct ending amount for 2019 was the amount on the revised budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Dianna Harmon to accept the revised budget. The second was given by Raymond Staples and the motion passed.

Under new business, the motion was made by Laurie Black and seconded by Raymond Staples to remove Mary Bates (Johnson) from the Eudora Bank accounts and that Kim Reese be added as the new Eudora branch manager. The motion passed. There was no other new business.

Under announcements, the Director reported the passing of past Chicot County board member, Erasaline Tolliver. The board requested a memorial book be placed in the Eudora Branch Library. Also under announcements, board member Gaynell Jamison of Drew County, has written several children's books. Her book information was shared with the board. Ms. Jamison is an Early Childhood Trainer and Instructor and Reading Specialist.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on April 20, 2020 in Drew County. A letter will be sent after the details have been arranged. A motion was made by Laurie Black to adjourn and the

meeting was adjourned. Bradley County board members provided a soup, cornbread, and cake luncheon for the board.

Members present: Judge Tindall (via Zoom), Laurie Black, Debby Bland (via Zoom), Jeri Brewer, Dinah Cox, Cristy Dunnahoe, Kim Forrest, Dianna Harmon, Gaynell Jamison, Jerry Moore, Cliff Morgan, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privet, JoAnn Rawls, Elgenia Ross, Vicki Ross, Raymond Staples, Nancy Vittitow, Vernestine Wilson, and Director, Judy Calhoun.