

## **Southeast Arkansas Regional Library**

### **MINUTES**

Regional Board Meeting

October 21, 2019

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met on Monday, October 21 at the Monticello Branch Library meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by Board Chair, Sandra Crofford. President Crofford introduced and welcomed the new Lincoln County Board member, Jerry Bailey.

The minutes of July 15, 2019 were presented in printed form. There were no corrections. Vern Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jerry Moore. The minutes were approved.

The financial report was presented in printed form. The Director explained the financial report for the benefit of the new board member. Debby Bland made the motion to approve the financial report as presented. Jeri Brewer gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director gave her report to the board. The report included the 2018 audit report which the Director later shared with the board. An update on the Lincoln County situation was given. The Lincoln County Quorum Court agreed to include a line item under County General for Library utilities and with any excess amount would be returned back to the library fund for funds spent in error for 2017, 2018 & 2019. The Director also reported on updates in the branches. Hunter Bennett was hired as the new Branch Manager in Dumas. Desha & Chicot Counties have been added to the Dolly Parton Imagination Station program which provides books to registered children.

There was no unfinished business. Under new business, the 2018 audit report was distributed to board members. The Director suggested the reports be looked at and any questions would be discussed at the January board meeting. The preliminary 2020 budget was distributed. The Region is still waiting on projections from 2 counties. Jerry Moore made a motion to accept the preliminary budget recommended by the budget committee. Mack Jewel Grant made the second and the motion was approved. The Director proposed closing the Region on December 24, 25 & 26 for the 2020 Christmas holidays and Christmas bonuses for Regional Employees. The motion to give \$250 all HQ staff & managers that have worked ten years or more, \$200 for HQ staff & managers that have worked less than 10 years, and \$100 for assistants was made by Cristy Dunnahoe and seconded by Reathel Privet. The motion carried.

Under correspondence, a thank you card from Vernestine Wilson was read. A condolence card will be sent to new Chicot County Board member, Kim Reese for the death of her mother.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on January 27, 2020 in Bradley 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. Director, Judy Calhoun provided a soup & cornbread luncheon for board appreciation.

Members present: Jerry Bailey, Debby Bland, Jeri Brewer, Sandra Crofford, Dinah Cox, Cristy Dunnahoe, Kim Forrest, Mack Jewel Grant, Gaynell Jamison, Jerry Moore, Cliff Morgan, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privet, Elgenia Ross, Vicki Ross (call in), Nancy Vittitow, Vernestine Wilson, and Director, Judy Calhoun.