

**Southeast Arkansas Regional Library**  
**MINUTES**

Regional Board Meeting  
July 19, 2021

The Southeast Arkansas Regional Library Board met at the Lake Village Branch Meeting room and via Zoom on Monday, July 19, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Kim Forrest. The SEARL secretary/bookkeeper, Stacie McKeown and Lake Village Branch Manager, Sandra McAllister were introduced to the board. The minutes of April 19, 2021 were presented in printed form. Sandra Crofford made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Elgenia Ross and the minutes were approved. The financial report was presented in printed form. Dianna Harmon made the motion to approve, Ruth O'Loughlin gave the second and the motion was approved.

The Director's report included updates on the ARPA funding, summer reading programs and branch updates. The Director shared copies of the Summer Reading Adventure booklets that were distributed to the branches. She also shared a slide show of pictures from children around the region enjoying activities included in the booklet. Ruth O'Loughlin made the motion to accept the Director's report. Diane Parnell made the second and the motion passed.

Under old business, the Director reported on how the ARPA funds were being utilized. The Region has contracted with Library Market, a company based in Jonesboro, to rebrand the Region, as well as create and host our own website. Covid updates were also discussed. The Director will reissue a mask mandate for all persons, regardless of vaccinations, entering into the Library until Covid numbers start to decline.

First under new business was a change on a bank signature card. There was a motion by Vertie Staples to remove Sarah Hardin from the McGehee Branch Library bank accounts and debit cards and add Tori Clark all accounts. Cindy Smith gave the second and the motion was approved. Also, under new business was the selection of the budget committee. The budget committee consists of officers of the board plus representatives from the other counties. Kim Forest will represent Bradley County, Vicki Ross will represent Drew County and Debby Bland will represent Chicot County. Cristy Dunnahoe and Karen Anderson were selected as the representatives for Lincoln and Desha Counties.

The next Regional Board meeting will be held on October 11, 2021 in Drew County. A letter will be sent after the details have been arranged. A motion was made by Vertie Staples and seconded by Sandra Crofford to adjourn. After the meeting the board enjoy lunch provided by Debby Bland and Ruth O'Loughlin.

Members present: Debby Bland, Sandra Crofford, Dinah Cox, Dianna Harmon, Kim Forrest, Jerry Moore, Ruth O'Loughlin, Diane Parnell, Reathel Privett, Elgenia Ross, Vicki Ross, Vertie Staples, Cindy Smith, Nancy Vittitow, and Director, Judy Calhoun. Via Zoom: Jeri Brewer, Cristy Dunnahoe, Gaynell Jamison, Cliff Morgan, and Vern Wilson.