

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APRIL 1, 2021

PRESENT:	Mr. Lu Ellsworth	ABSENT:	Ms. Jennifer Meade
	Mrs. Roberta Smallwood		Ms. Rebecca Scott
	Ms. Ginnie Stokes		
	Mr. Chris Allgyer		
	Mrs. Ruth Gilliam		
	Mrs. Earlene Lester		
	Mr. Jack Lewis		
	Ms. Carolea Newsome		
	Ms. Sheila Phipps		

Others Present: Julie Short, Onedah Stanley, Kara Dotten (Digital Coordinator), and Debbie Yates.

The regular meeting of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 1, 2021 in the Harris Art Gallery at the Wise County Public Library.

Chairman Ellsworth called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Mr. Lewis made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mrs. Gilliam seconded and the agenda was approved.

II. There were no citizens to speak.

III. Mrs. Smallwood made a motion to approve the February 4, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Allgyer seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Mrs. Smallwood presented the financial report. Printouts of monthly payables for March 2021 and financial statements were distributed. After discussion, Mrs. Gilliam made a motion to approve the financial report. Mrs. Lester seconded and the motion passed. Chairman Ellsworth discussed the importance of trustees' fiduciary responsibilities.

The following check numbers were reported:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	41016	41274

V. Library Director's Report

- The annual budget requests have been submitted to localities. Ms. Short expressed her appreciation to the staff for helping with that process.
- The Library of Virginia has notified LPRL that a proposed reduction in our state aid has been restored and is projected to be \$496,525 for next fiscal year.
- E -Rate forms have been submitted and are in the final approval stage.
- The annual survey submitted to Virginia Risk Sharing Association (LPRL liability insurance carrier) has received a 100% score.
- Annual renewal of our medical insurance with Local Health Choice has been completed.

- A grant request to the Gibbs Foundation has been submitted on behalf of the Big Stone Gap library and Ms. Short will keep the board informed of any updates.
- Ms. Short met with Michael Gilley, Director of the Wampler Library at Mountain Empire Community College, to forge a new partnership in Appalachia. Ms. Short will keep the board updated as the partnership develops.
- Summer Reading 2021 is moving forward. The program will begin in mid-June and will include onsite/outdoor activities as well as virtual programs. Library Managers are continuing to brainstorm and share ideas.
- Ms. Short introduced Ms. Kara Dotten, who is the Digital Coordinator at the library's regional office and asked her to highlight some of our upcoming events. She also talked about how the partnerships with our local colleges (UVA-Wise, MECC and ETSU) have allowed staff to learn new skills or to hone existing skills. Classes were tailored to fit the library's needs and allow us to become more efficient with our programs and better communicate with our patrons and also with each other at the library.
- Ms. Dotten presented the 2020 Annual Report. The Annual Report was distributed for review. Discussion ensued. The board members commended the visual and informational compilation of the report.

VI. On behalf of the Friends of Lonesome Pine Regional Library Corporation, Mr. Allgyer reported that the funds from the Rapha Foundation grant are being used to purchase programming materials for Wise and Dickenson County children's programs. The grant period expires at the end of May so those purchases will soon be completed. The Friends group is excited to have been awarded the grant.

Ms. Short discussed the By-Laws and Administration Review Committee. She noted that meetings were halted in 2020 due to pandemic regulations. She also noted that one of the committee member's term on the board will expire as of June 30. After discussion, the consensus was to table this committee until next fiscal year.

VII There was no unfinished business.

VIII. 1. Mr. Allgyer made a motion to enter into Closed Session in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to the Personnel exemption at Section 2.2-3711 Paragraph (A) (1), with the presence of Ms. Julie Short, Regional Library Director. Mrs. Smallwood seconded; the motion carried. Open Session was resumed by all Trustees voting in the affirmative for Certificate of Closed Session.

2. Ms. Short distributed a proposed audit contract extension as provided by Larry D. Sturgill, CPA. The contract services the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2025. After discussion, Ms. Newsome made a motion to approve the audit contract extension as presented. Mr. Lewis seconded and the motion carried.

Ms. Newsome made a motion to adjourn and Mrs. Gilliam seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

