

LONESOME PINE REGIONAL LIBRARY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OCTOBER 7, 2021

PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Meade
Mrs. Roberta Smallwood
Mr. Chris Allgyer
Mrs. Ethel Daniels
Mrs. Earlene Lester
Mr. Jack Lewis
Ms. Carolea Newsome
Ms. Tammy Scott

ABSENT: Mr. Lu Ellsworth
Ms. Sheila Phipps
Ms. Rebecca Scott

Others Present: Julie Short, Kara Dotten, Onedah Stanley, and Debbie Yates.

The regular meeting of the Lonesome Pine Regional Library Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, in the Harris Art Gallery at the Wise County Public Library.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Meade.

I. Mr. Allgyer made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda. Mrs. Lester seconded and the agenda was adopted as presented.

II. There were no citizens to speak.

III. Mrs. Daniels made a motion to approve the August 5, 2021 minutes as distributed. Ms. T. Scott seconded and the motion carried.

IV. 1. Mrs. Smallwood presented the financial report. Printouts of monthly payables for the month of September 2021 and financial statements were distributed. After discussion, Mrs. Lester made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Ms. Newsome seconded and the motion carried.

The following check numbers were reported:

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
General Fund	41586	41713

2. Onedah Stanley, Business Manager, outlined year-end budget adjustments for FY2020-2021. After discussion, Mr. Allgyer made a motion to approve the year-end budget adjustments for FY2020-2021 as presented. Mrs. Daniels seconded and the motion carried.

V. Ms. Short discussed programming and patron attendance for September. She explained that the NEA Big Read theme will be used for October's programming. She introduced Ms. Kara Dotten, LPRL's Digital Coordinator, to report on this campaign. Ms. Dotten noted that the

library's featured book for the 2021 campaign is "A Wizard of Earthsea" by Ursula K. LeGuin. The Big Read, postponed from April until October due to Covid-19, has enabled the fantasy genre of the book to coincide with Halloween allowing for flexibility for individual library programming and events. LPRL has partnered with UVa-Wise, Pro-Art, the City of Norton and several local businesses to provide community events. There will be fantasy-themed writing sessions, book discussions, panel discussions, and game nights. Ms. Dotten distributed brochures identifying community events by location. Also, trustees received a paperback copy of "A Wizard of Earthsea" plus other promotional materials as planned for public distribution.

Ms. Short commended the library staff in designing an exciting campaign for the Big Read. She noted a few more agencies who have partnered with LPRL - Russell County Public Library and RACE1 Program as well as book distributions at local federal and regional jails.

After board discussion and feedback, Vice-Chair Meade commended the library staff for inspiring creativity and allowing people to become a part of what they have read.

Ms. Short highlighted each library by sharing photos of various events and activities. She discussed their in-library programs as well as some new programs being offered virtually and at various community locations. She shared photos of recent facility refurbishments/improvements at Lee, Dickenson and Scott County libraries and expressed her gratitude to the localities for their contributions toward those improvements. The heat pump installation process for the Wise Library began this week. Ms. Short commended the Wise Library staff for enduring the summer temperatures to maintain their regular operating hours.

Administration Highlights -

- Administrative staff is preparing the final report for the completion of the LVA Cares Act grant.
- The Business Manager has submitted all documentation to the auditor and the 2021 audit is underway. Historically, this report is presented to the board in December or January.
- LPRL staff education and technology courses are continuing as provided through the two-year IMLS grant.
- The 2021 RAPHA grant, designated for Wise and Dickenson County preschool programs, is underway with the theme of healthy kids, healthy future.
- The Wise County Recreation Authority's Pound representative member made a \$500 donation for the Wise Library.
- LPRL's circulation and cataloging service, The Library Corporation (TLC), has scheduled a migration in November to upgrade our system. A short scheduled interruption in service is anticipated. The library will publish announcements to the public.
- Ms. Short noted that the library is experiencing a lack of workforce due to staff transitions, quarantine and low staffing. Recent job advertisements have received low response. She will continue to monitor the situation and update trustees.

VI. Mr. Allgyer reported on behalf of the Friends of Lonesome Pine Regional Library Corporation that the Friends group would not be meeting today. He anticipates the group will meet next month and those members will be notified by email of the date.

A contribution in the amount of \$49.53 was received from AmazonSmile and has been deposited into the Friends of LPRL Corporation's bank account. Mr. Allgyer expressed his gratitude to those who are participating in AmazonSmile on behalf of the Friends group.

VII. No Unfinished Business

VIII. Mr. Allgyer reported that the Friends of LPRL Corporation has a vacancy for the City of Norton representative. Mr. Allgyer made the motion to nominate Mrs. Ethel Daniels as the City of Norton representative to the Friends of Lonesome Pine Regional Library Corporation. Mrs. Smallwood seconded and the motion carried.

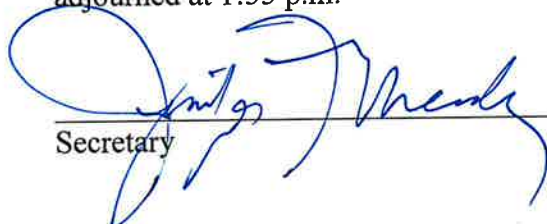
No further business was discussed.

Mrs. Daniels announced the current fundraising raffle sponsored by the Friends of Wise Library and invited trustees to participate.

Ms. Newsome commended Ms. Short and Ms. Dotten for their effort on the NEA Big Read endeavor, especially in connecting with the community in the events. Ms. Short stated that she was appreciative of the library managers sharing their ideas and striving toward a successful program.

Vice-Chair Meade asked Ms. Short to express to all library staff the board's appreciation for all they are doing each day in today's workforce. Ms. Short expressed her gratitude to the board and library staff and remarked that she would be happy to relay the message to the staff.

Mrs. Smallwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Newsome seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.


Secretary


Chairman