



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
16 March 2021 Minutes**

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 16 regarding limiting gatherings to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and allowing public meetings to be conducted by electronic meetings, Executive Order No. 60 extending remote meetings with the provision that remote meetings occurring on or after 1 October 2020 be recorded, and Executive Order No. 78 extending executive order provisions to April 28, 2021, the 16 March 2021 Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Board Meeting was held electronically via Zoom and recorded.

**Trustees Attending:** Chair Andy Simon, Cathy Hammon, Lauren Emert, Logan Hill, Dawn Reagan, Susan Schneibel, Stephanie Thompson

**Staff Attending:** K.C. Williams - BCPL Director, Anna Gombert, Kathleen Christy, Cynthia Spitler, Kathy Thompson, Ari Baker, Jennifer Spirko, Carrie Godfrey, Brennan LeQuire, Savannah McCarter, Penny Stewart, Judith Belew

**Visitors:** Angela Quick - Foundation for the Blount County Public Library; Bruce Robertson - Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Andrew Jones - The Daily Times

**Guests:** Rob Spirko, Joan VanSickle Sloan

**Call to Order:** Chair Andy Simon called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 16 March 2021 at 5:31 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cathy Hammon made a motion to approve the 16 February 2021 Meeting minutes. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Andy Simon:**

- Andy reported on his meeting with Greg McClain of Maryville City, in which they discussed the library sustainability plan, new projects, and new equipment in the library.
- Andy announced plans for the continuation of K.C.'s evaluation.
- Andy answered questions from the board.

**Report of Blount County Public Library Director by K.C. Williams:**

- The March 2021 Board Meeting Packet which includes the Library Director's Report, the Financial Report and the 2020-21 Library Use Statistics was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
16 March 2021 Minutes**

- K.C. presented in-progress slides that will be shown to the Blount County Budget Committee and received board feedback.
- K.C. answered questions from the board.
- K.C. reported that the library donated old iPads from their inventory to the Health Department to help with vaccine distribution.
- Ari Baker and Jennifer Spirko discussed the Library's online LEGO contest.

**Report of Foundation Board, Angela Quick**

- The Foundation did not meet in March.

**Report of Friends of the Library, Bruce Robertson**

- Bruce Robertson gave an update on the Friends.
  - The Friends continue to receive a high volume of book donations.
  - February saw \$10,500.00 in gross eBay sales.
  - The Friends held their first book sale of the year on 12 and 13 March, for members and by appointment only. The sale brought in \$4,300.00.
  - The Friends plan to continue appointment only weekend sales, with one day for members only and one day for the public.
  - The Friends of the Library Community Market will begin again on 24 April 2021.
  - The Friends won the 2020 State Friends of the Library Award.

**Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck**

- The Ocoee River Regional Library February 2021 Report, the READS FY 2020-21 Data Statistics, and the State of Tennessee Executive Order by the Governor No. 78 were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck was unable to attend.
- Andy explained that Executive Order No. 78 extends the online meeting allowance to 28 April 2021.

**Old Business**

- Andy asked the board to send him their county reviews for K.C.'s evaluation.

**New Business**

- K.C. presented the Library Sustainability Plan - Staff Structure Shift and answered questions from the board. No action was taken.
- The board discussed the revised Public Meeting Rooms Policy.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
16 March 2021 Minutes**

- Andy suggested raising the charge for damage to meeting rooms and equipment. No action was taken.

**Funding Requests:**

- K.C. presented the following Friends request:
  - There were no Friends Funding Requests for March 2021.
- K.C. presented the following Foundation funding requests:
  - Hire Chris Soros for drawings, supervisions and bidding of Downstairs Bathroom, Game Room, and Meeting Room Acoustics under one contract - \$45,100.00

Logan Hill made a motion to approve the submitted funding request for the Foundation. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Important Dates**

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting – 18 March 2021, 7:00 pm – BC Courthouse via Zoom  
Blount County Friends of the Library – 23 Tuesday 2021, 4:00 pm – KP Boardroom  
Foundation for the Blount County Library - 9 April 2021 - 8:30 am - via Zoom  
Maryville City Council - 6 April 2021 - 7:00 pm - Maryville Municipal Building  
Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 13 April 2021 - 7:00 pm - Alcoa Municipal Bldg-Virtual & Closed to the Public

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Stephanie Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Logan Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next Library Board Meeting will be held on 20 April 2021, at 5:30 pm, via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Anna Gombert