



Board of Trustees Meeting 18 January 2022 Minutes

Trustees Attending: Chair Andy Simon, Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela, Lauren Emert, Logan Hill, Stephanie Thompson, Susan Williams, Suzette Donovan, Timothy Moore

Staff Attending: Anjanae Brueland, Anna Gombert, Cynthia Spitler, Brennan LeQuire

Visitors: Angela Quick - Foundation for the Blount County Public Library; Bruce Robertson- Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Dick Burgess- Friends of the Blount County Public Library

Guests: Manuel Leite, Robert McClelland, Amy Miller - The Daily Times

The Board took a tour of the Library to see progress on the Eileen Kelly teen room and basement, and the proposed freight elevator location.

Call to Order: Chair Andy Simon called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 18 January 2022 at 5:49 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Stephanie Thompson made a motion to approve the 16 November 2021 Meeting minutes with corrections. Lauren Emert seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Robert McClelland shared an update on the Kiwanis Club's Arconic Grant that paid for two solar power charging tables installed at the MLK center.

Report of Board of Trustees Chair by Andy Simon:

- Andy reported he had met with the City of Maryville to discuss BCPL construction projects, and is scheduled to meet with Blount County and the City of Alcoa in the next two weeks.
- Andy shared that he would introduce Manny to stakeholders when he starts.

Report of Blount County Public Library Interim Director by Anjanae Brueland:

- The January 2022 Board Meeting Packet, which includes the Interim Library Director's Report and the Financial Report, was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.
- Anjanae shared updates from her report and highlighted the BCPL quarterly newsletter.
- The discussions of reinstating reserve fees and overdue fines and the return to 69.5 hours of operation were postponed until March due to the start of a new director and the current Covid numbers.
- The new director's start date is 24 January.

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Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela made a motion to accept the Gift Committee's recommendation that the \$10,000.00 gift from the estate of Karen Petrey be accepted by the Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees and given to the Foundation for the Blount County Public Library for future projects. Suzette Donovan seconded. The motion carried.

- Anjanae answered questions from the Board about construction projects and quotes.
- The Board was asked to consider closing the library to the public for physical access for 7 days the week of 21 March for RFID tagging and encoding. Curbside will still be available. The PR plan for the closure was presented.

Suzette Donovan made a motion to close the library the week of 21 March 2022 in terms of campus access for seven days to tag and encode the physical circulating collection. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- Anjanae provided an update on building needs and facilities projects.

Report of Foundation Board, Angela Quick

- There was no January Report for the Foundation for the Blount County Public Library.
- Angela Quick reported that there was no Foundation meeting in January, and in December, the Foundation board met for letter folding.
 - A request was made for the Foundation to look for information on the donors to the amphitheater.

Report of Friends of the Library, Bruce Robertson

- Bruce Robertson distributed a Friends' report and gave an update.
 - Diane Rocco has been nominated for BCFOL Friend of the Year.
 - eBay is bringing in about \$10,000.00 a month.
 - The December booksale brought in between \$9,000.00 and \$10,000.00.
- The Friend's report included documents about the new eBay area of the library basement and proposals for lights and electrical drops.

Lauren Emert made a motion to accept the Friends motion to add lighting and move the eBay sale area in the library basement. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Report of Ocoee River Regional Library, Liz Schreck

- The Ocoee River Regional Library January 2022 Report, the 2021 Standards Analysis Report, and the READS FY 2021-22 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting.
- Liz Schreck discussed the report and upcoming training opportunities.
 - The Overdrive app will no longer be available for download after February.
 - Anjanae answered questions about the 2021 Standards Analysis Report.

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Old Business

- The discussion of the Public Survey and Committees was postponed until the February meeting.

New Business

- The board thanked Anjanae for her work as the Interim Library Director.

Funding Requests:

- Anjanae presented the following Friends requests:
 - There were no Friends Funding Requests for January 2022.
- Anjanae presented the following Foundation funding requests:
 - There were no Foundation Funding Requests for January 2022.

Important Dates

Other Library Meetings

Blount County Commission Meeting – 20 January 2022, 7:00 pm – BC Courthouse
Blount County Friends of the Library – 25 January 2022, 4:00 pm – BCPL
Foundation for the Blount County Public Library - 11 February 2022, 8:30 am – BCPL
Maryville City Council - 1 February 2022, 7:00 pm – Maryville Municipal Bldg
Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 8 February 2022, 7:00 pm – Alcoa Municipal Bldg

Motion to Adjourn:

Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next Library Board Meeting will be held on 15 February 2022, at 5:30 pm, in the Dorothy Herron Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Gombert