



## Board of Trustees Meeting 1 March 2022 Minutes

**Trustees Attending:** Chair Andy Simon, Logan Hill, Dawn Reagan, Stephanie Thompson, Susan Williams, Timothy Moore

**Staff Attending:** Manny Leite - BCPL Director, Anjanae Brueland, Anna Gombert, Cynthia Spitler, Kathleen Christy, Melinda Rust

**Visitors:** Angela Quick - Foundation for the Blount County Public Library; Bruce Robertson - Friends of the Blount County Public Library; Liz Schreck - Ocoee River Regional Library

**Call to Order:** Chair Andy Simon called the Blount County Public Library Board to order on 1 March 2022 at 5:31 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Stephanie Thompson made a motion to approve the 18 January 2022 Meeting minutes. Dawn Reagan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

- Andy reported on meetings he and Manny attended with stakeholders as well as upcoming meetings.
- Jesus Ortega-Valenzuela, Lauren Emert, and Stephanie Thompson's first terms end in June, and they are eligible to serve another term. Andy named Stephanie Thompson, Logan Hill, and Tim Moore to the nominating committee for board officers.

### **Report of Blount County Public Library Director by Manny Leite:**

- The February 2022 Board Meeting Packet, which includes the Library Director's Report and the Financial Report, was distributed by email prior to the board meeting.
- Manny reported on his first six weeks. He is meeting with each staff member individually.
- Manny shared updates from his report including department updates and library news.
- The board was asked to consider having a board work session about opening back to 69.5 hours. This discussion was postponed until the next board meeting.

### **Report of Foundation Board, Angela Quick**

- The February Report for the Foundation for the Blount County Public Library was distributed during the meeting.
- Angela Quick reported on the 11 February Foundation Board meeting.
  - The Foundation Board welcomed new member Jenny Moore.
  - The Foundation discussed fundraising needs for upcoming projects.
  - The Foundation's annual end of year campaign brought in over \$5,000.00

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

- Bruce Robertson gave an update on the Friends.
  - The next quarterly sale is 3 March - 5 March. Thursday is for members only and Friday and Saturday are open to the public.
  - In January, eBay made \$12,000.00.
  - The Friend's Board is having discussions about restarting the Community Market.
  - The Daily Times published an article about Diane Rocco receiving the Tennessee State Friend of the Year Award. The Friends of the Blount County Public Library have won the State Friend of the Year award for the last five years.

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

- The Ocoee River Regional Library February 2022 Report, and the READS FY 2021-22 Data Statistics were distributed by email prior to the meeting. A March 2022 report was distributed at the meeting.
- Liz Schreck discussed the report and upcoming training opportunities.
  - The Core Competencies training is a training for baseline knowledge for all public library employees.
  - It was announced that the TOP grant will follow the same match requirements as ARPA, with a five to twenty percent match. The grant now also includes solar tables, internal connections, and a digital navigator pilot project.

### Old Business

- Board members were asked to sign up for at least one of three committees to address considerations brought forth from the Public Survey. The committees are Library Services, Public Relations, and Finance.

### New Business

- The Board Chair asked for board members to volunteer for a committee to address the marble amphitheater. Logan Hill and Susan Williams volunteered to serve on the committee.
- Manny shared that RFID training has started for staff and over 1,200 items have already been tagged and encoded. The board was invited to volunteer to deliver library service during the building closure.
- 22 May 2022 will be the building's twentieth anniversary.

### Funding Requests:

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

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

**Important Dates**

**Other Library Meetings**

Blount County Commission Meeting – 17 March 2022, 7:00 pm – BC Courthouse

Blount County Friends of the Library – 22 March 2022, 4:00 pm – BCPL

Foundation for the Blount County Public Library - 11 March 2022, 8:30 am – BCPL

Maryville City Council - 5 April 2022, 7:00 pm – Maryville Municipal Bldg

Alcoa Board of Commissioners - 8 March 2022, 7:00 pm – Alcoa Municipal Bldg

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Tim Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Susan Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Gombert