



Appalachian Regional Library Board Meeting Minutes

Ashe County Public Library

Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 1 pm

Board members present: Margaret Love, Patricia Swartzbaugh, Sandra Basel, Bill Davis, Arnold Lakey, Brenda Dobbins, Kyle Hall, Doug Butler, Beth Tharrington, Jan Noffsinger, Roberta Jackson, Karen Moll

Library staff present: Tammy Holston, Kilby Spencer, Suzanne Moore, Monica Caruso, Laura McPherson

ARL Director candidate present: Lara Luck

Absent: none

1. Call to Order
 - a. Chair Bill Davis called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm, after introducing Brenda Dobbins, of the Wilkes Local Board, as a new ARL Board member, replacing Casey Joe
2. Additions/Deletions and Approval of Agenda
 - a. Kyle Hall made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Sandra Basel seconded.
3. ARL Director Candidate
 - a. Chair Bill Davis reminded those present not to ask the candidate any personal questions and suggested that we raise our hands, be recognized by the chair, and then ask our questions.
 - b. Arnold Lakey introduced candidate Lara Luck to those present and welcomed her to ARL.
 - c. Those present asked the candidate questions for about 1.5 hours.
 - d. The County Librarians, Finance Manager, and IT Manager provided feedback to the Board concerning the candidate
 - e. Executive Session
4. Approval of the Minutes of the regular November 2022 meeting
 - a. Beth Tharrington made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Arnold Lakey seconded.
5. Correspondence and Communications
 - a. None
6. Reports of the County Librarians and Regional Director: See written reports
7. Unfinished business
 - a. None
8. Reports of Standing Committees
 - a. Budget and Finance
 - i. Kyle Hall made a motion to approve the amended budgets for State Aid, ARPA, Ashe, Watauga, and Wilkes. Patricia Swartzbaugh seconded.
 - b. Governance



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- i. Kyle Hall reviewed the committee's recommendations for amending the ARL bylaws
 - ii. Bill Davis noted that the bylaws will be brought before the Board for a vote at the March meeting. Board members will have the amended version at least 10 days before the March meeting. In the meantime, lawyer's counsel will be sought on the topic of allowing a substitute from a Local Board to serve in place of a Regional Board member in certain cases to ensure the bylaws do not run afoul of the Interlocal Agreement.
 - iii. Kyle Hall addressed additional questions from the Board
 1. Is a proxy permitted? No
 2. Does the chair count toward quorum? Yes
 3. Does the chair vote? Only in the case of a tie
- c. Personnel
- i. No report
9. New Business
- a. Approval of 2023 Holidays and Library Closings
 - i. Jan Noffsinger moved that these be approved as presented. Beth Tharrington seconded.
10. Adjournment
- a. Chair Bill Davis adjourned the meeting at around 4:30 pm.

Next meeting March 16, 2023 at the Wilkes County Public Library