

# **Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library**

## **Library Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 21, 2022**

### **Library Board Meeting Attendees:**

Ms. Shawnta Fulton, Chairman

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Mr. Josh Blackburn

Mr. Mike Keenan

Mr. Brian Carter

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Rachel Muzzarelli, Regional Trustee

Ms. Andrea Delap, Regional Trustee

Ms. Marion Bryant, Director, Buffalo River Regional Library

Ms. Emily Law, Therapy Partners

### **Call to Order/Welcome**

Ms. Fulton opened the Library Board meeting at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022 and led roll call of participants. Printed copies of the February 2022 minutes were distributed for review. Mr. Blackburn made a motion to accept the minutes and Mr. Keenan seconded. All approved.

### **Regional Library Report**

Ms. Bryant handed out a hardcopy of the Buffalo River Regional Library report to all present. She encouraged Ms. Murr to attend the Learning Community Needs for Library Services: Engagement and Assessment meeting. This training is virtual and occurs March 25, April 8 and April 22. Ms. Bryant reported the regional board meeting had been changed to Hohenwald on April 18<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that the State Librarian is retiring and they will be putting out a search statewide for candidates.

### **Friends of the Library Report**

Ms. Hartman was not available to give the Friends of the Library report, however, Ms. Law is involved with FOL and reported that the Gala held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> made over \$23K and they are able to pay off the note on the library. The ceremony will be held at Bank of Lincoln County on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

## Old Business

Ms. Murr reported she has worked out a modification of the contract services for cleaning the library. They will now only come once a week and she provided the executed contract for review. She also reported that she had checked on the copy per image agreement to determine why the cost has been higher. The monthly base amount was \$383.50 in 2019 but has increased to \$401. They do adjust prices based on fair market value which has increased since 2019.

## New Business

Ms. Emily Law with Therapy Partners presented her work with therapy dogs and the advantages of having one come into the library for reading with children and special events. Ms. Law distributed information about programs, the settings where they use therapy dogs and the benefits they can provide. She is covered by \$2M of insurance and provided a MOU between Therapy Partners and the library. Ms. Bradford made a motion to enter into this agreement and Mr. Blackburn seconded. All members were in favor. Ms. Law has an Australian Shepherd-Poodle Mix that has gone through 2 years of training ... he will be Ozzie the library dog.

Ms. Fulton and Ms. Murr have been working with Regions Bank to secure a new credit card for library purchases. Mr. Carter made a motion to have Ms. Fulton and Ms. Murr be the members designated on the card. Ms. Muzzarelli seconded and all were in favor.

With the Easter holiday approaching, the time the library will be closed was discussed. Policy states Easter is one of the holidays for the library. Ms. Fulton made a motion to close the library on Good Friday and the Saturday before Easter. Mr. Blackburn seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Mr. Carter opposing and the other members voting to pass the motion.

Participation in the Storybook Trail was discussed. The library has until June 1<sup>st</sup> to use the grant received for this activity. Various methods of displaying the storybook and equipment needed was covered. Ms. Murr gave an example of a type of display and the estimated costs. Everyone agreed at least 20 signs would be needed given this style of display. Mr. Carter made a motion to purchase these storybook signs at a cost up to \$7K. Any additional would require further approval. Ms. Muzzarelli seconded the motion and all approved.

## Director's Report

Ms. Murr reported everything has been going very well and the library has been quite busy. Story Time has been very successful with up to 25 participants and continuously increasing. The upcoming summer's theme is Oceans of Possibility. Additionally, the new employees are doing very well.

Ms. Murr informed us that the Junior Round Dozen has donated \$2K for the summer reading program and the library is receiving additional federal and state money that is being used for a large order of new books.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, they will be set up for an event at Highland Rim Elementary School to talk about the library and sign students up for a library card. A number of events are scheduled for April including the Wednesday Story Time, the groups for the Korean Club, the Anime Club and the monthly book club. The monthly yoga event was very popular last month and people are already signed up for April. The UT Extension office will hold the Diabetes program which will be free for the participants. Finally, Nashville library week is April 3-9.

The board will hold the next meeting Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Fulton closed the meeting at 6:18 p.m.