

Library Board Minutes
July 11, 2023

Members Present:

William Mitchel, Susan Nelson, Ruth Cook, Suzan Banks, Marilyn Amerson

Steve Sandy from the county spoke first and welcomed Rebecca Ventola as the new director. Steve also mentioned that Christine had submitted to VACO the library's program on "Think Global, Cook Local" for an award. We will be notified when (if) we win.

Chairman, Will, also welcomed the new Director, Rebecca Ventola, and thanked May for her work as interim director.

There were no minutes for June for there had not been a quorum.

Will called for nominations for new officers.

For secretary, Ruth volunteered if Shawn did not want to continue in the office. This was accepted.

For vice chairman, Sue Nelson volunteered if Bethany did not want to continue in that position. This was accepted.

May presented the Directors Report

Bethany, representing Blue Ridge District and Sue, representing Gill Creek District, were reappointed to serve on the board for another 3 years.

LVA's Library Board approved the FY2024 state aid allocations that were from the September estimate. There may be more after the General Assembly finalizes the budget.

The library has been very busy this summer with several well attended programs for children included. The list can be found in the newsletter.

The Creative Expression Series has 3 more workshops this month

The Bookmobile will have Pop UP events in various locations announced on Facebook. There will be food, crafts and games at these events.

Think Global, Cook Local along with the Franklin County Extension Agency will be teaching water bath canning.

The library along with Virginia Tech will be launching a Community Health promotion concerning what role the library should play in helping the issues. The Board attended a meeting with the Tech group after the board meeting.

A question was asked to find out if the library had a presence in the jail. May explained that there had been one but that the inmates destroyed many of the books so the program was stopped.

Old Business:

A question was asked about the progress on a different site for the library at Westlake. The answer seems to be that the Board of Supervisors are working on this.

New Business:

A complaint from a patron who was upset that when she bought donated books to the library, even after calling to see if the library would accept them, the persons on duty acted as if they had never heard of such a thing and did not know what to do with them.

It is the library's policy to accept donated books. If there is a large amount the library needs to be called beforehand. Books unable to be put in circulation are given to Friends of the library and or recycled. Storage of these books is getting to be a problem.

It was decided that all staff would be educated on this policy.

A suggestion was made that some books could be given to home schoolers.

Another suggestion was to hold a well-advertised mass sale of stored Friend's books. Better communication between staff and Friends may be needed.

Westlake and Main library are served by one Friends Group.

A request was made that the budget split out salaries for Westlake staff. This has been done in the past. The director will check on this.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.