

**Minutes**

Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting – October 19th, 2023

J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library  
157 Main Street  
Appomattox, VA 24522  
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**Members Present**

Hope Adams  
Brandon Barney – Vice Chairperson  
Evelyn Ford - Chairperson  
Susan Williams

**Library Staff Present**

Katharine Bloodworth – Interim Director  
Martha Charte – Technology Services Specialist

**Others Present**

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**Call to Order**

Evelyn Ford called the October 19th's Library Board meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**Acceptance of previous minutes**

After reading through the minutes the Library Board would like the addition of New Business added after unfinished business right after the sentence "Library Board expressed the need to have several committees to better facilitate the needs of the Library Board and Library".

Susan Williams made a motion to accept the September minutes with the above-mentioned changes to the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brandon Barney

The Vote is as follows:

Hope Adams – aye  
Brandon Barney – aye  
Evelyn Ford – aye  
Susan Williams – aye

Evelyn Ford stated that the vote carried and the September 2023 minutes are accepted with the a fore-mentioned changes.

**Report of the Librarian**

Katharine Bloodworth reported that Amazement Square of Lynchburg VA had partnered with the Jamerson Library for STEAM Library Makers Programs, made possible in part by a grant from the Institute of Science and Library Services and the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation.

Katharine discussed the important role that this Library plays in our community and how we impact everyone through our outreach, events and programs. Providing the Library Board with a the October's schedule of events brochure, and the mini flyers for the programs.

## **Financial Report**

Katharine Bloodworth provided the Library Board with a copy the Library's current October 2023 Financial report as generated through a spreadsheet that she updates when the Library turns in income from library services, donations, and other sources of "income" and updated expenditures from bills.

Katharine stated that she had a meeting with Susan Adams from the County for the following day to discuss how to add the extra State Aid Budget into the Library's budget, and how best to make use of it. Evelyn Ford and Brandon Barney both expressed an interest in attending, and was agreed upon that they would try and be present.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Hiring Committee – Susan Williams and Hope Adams**

Susan Williams stated she spoke to Katharine and that no progress has been made in hiring a new certified director.

### **Policy Manual Committee – Evelyn Ford and Brandon Barney**

The committee reported that they were working on the policy to fix typos, grammatical errors, and update information. It was suggested by the committee to change the signage in young adult to "Teen" section and to add the following statement about "Teen". This section is for our teenage patrons from 13 years of age to 18 years of age. This is not to change how the records of such materials are entered into our cataloging system.

The committee suggested that the 7.1.5 Criteria for Selection portion of the Library Board Policy Manual include that materials in the Teen collection do not violate Code of Virginia 18.2-372. The code is as follows:

§ 18.2-372. "Obscene" defined.

The word "obscene" where it appears in this article shall mean that which, considered as a whole, has as its dominant theme or purpose an appeal to the prurient interest in sex, that is, a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, excretory functions or products thereof or sadomasochistic abuse, and which goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters and which, taken as a whole, does not have serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

These suggested changes have been tabled until such a time that the committee completes and reviews such changes for submission.

### **Unfinished business**

Katharine updated the Library Board on the progress of looking for a new Director, stating that she has renewed several online listings as they have expired, added one paid listing, and signed up for Mighty Recruiter (MR) to expand the job posting to several sites through MR. As of this time no new applications have been submitted.

The Library Board put forth a discussion on a citizen comment period before the start of Library Board Meetings. A suggestion was made that the Library Board offers this citizen comment period quarterly, with a limit of how many citizens and duration of time per citizen be allowed. The Library Board has tabled this subject until further discussion and evaluations can be determined.

### **Adjournment of the Meeting**

Brandon Barney made the motion to adjourn the meeting, and seconded by Susan Williams.

The vote is as follows:

Hope Adams – aye

Brandon Barney – aye

Evelyn Ford – aye

Susan Williams – aye

Evelyn Ford stated that the vote carried and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Library Board meeting will take place on November 16th, at 4:00pm in the conference room of the J. Robert Jamerson Memorial Library, located at 157 Main Street, Appomattox, VA.