

CABELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Annual Board Meeting

July 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the President, Charles Bagley, in the conference room at the Main Library at 12:25 p.m. Board members attending were Wendy Thomas, Betty Barrett and David Amsbary were present. Marsha Moses was absent. Staff members Kista Black and Rob Davis; Bill Patton, President of the Friends; and Judy Rule, Director, also attended.

Betty Barrett moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Voted and passed.

David Amsbary moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to approve the following warrants from the regular account at Huntington Banks for May: checks numbered 56600 through 56764 totaling \$751,012.86, Smart Tax of \$56,805.70, and other direct deposits of state taxes, child support, and other ACH disbursements of \$22,705.24, and from the payroll account checks numbered 35568 through 35587 and vouchers numbered 42849 through 43135 for direct deposits with the transfer totaling \$196,633.78 for a total expenditure of \$1,027,157.58 from the regular account. There was one check written from the construction account in the amount of \$2,280.01. The total amount of checks written was \$1,029,437.59. Voted and passed.

Reports included the following:

- Judy Rule showed the Board Cynthia Rylant's newest book which was dedicated to "Judy Rule in Huntington, West Virginia...for all the years helping a library grow."
- The contract for re-roofing the Milton Library was awarded to the low bidder, Par Roofing, and the check was written in June but will be held until the work is completed. Ed Tucker helped with the specifications for the project and is working on specifications for repairs at Gallaher Village. When these have to be put out for sealed bid, Judy does not feel qualified to write the specifications.
- The award ceremony for the National Medal will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24. We will be having a little party to watch the event. Judy Rule will go to City Council's meeting the evening before and the Mayor will issue a proclamation making Tuesday, August 24 Cabell County Public Library Day in Huntington.
- David Amsbary asked Judy Rule to throw out the first ball at the Little League Tournament on Friday, July 16. The Library will also have a small display at the event.
- There was some discussion of putting up a banner outside but when Judy Rule called the City they said there was only one place for a banner over the street and the soccer trophy banner was already there and would be there until time for the Christmas decorations to go up.
- Audra Kaye's house seems to be on track to close this month.

There will be a construction meeting on next Tuesday as Phoebe is on vacation this week. Judy will find out more about the construction. Ed Tucker was here when we opened the bids on the roof at Milton, and he mentioned that one of the walls would have to be torn down and replaced. Phoebe has not mentioned that to Judy. Linda LaRue and Willa Midkiff went to the construction site on Thursday and took pictures but not much seems to have been done since the last construction meeting on June 23. After the meeting on next Tuesday, Judy will bring the Board up-to-date.

Charles Bagley moved and Betty Barrett seconded the motion to elect David Amsbary,

president; Wendy Thomas, vice-president; and Betty Barrett, secretary. Voted and passed.

Judy Rule and the entire Board expressed their appreciation for the job Charlie has done as president for the last two years.

Discussion was held on creating a new position of computer tech to assist Robert Davis in managing the computers and network in Western Counties Region. Rob spoke about the need for someone to assist him and gave the numbers of the computers throughout the region. A WVLC tech has been stationed here for the last twenty years but about two years ago the Office of Technology took over the Commission techs and they all now work for the Office of Technology. Crystal Cook our current tech, is not really happy working for the OT because she is sent to DHHR, Mildred Bateman Hospital, and the Regional Jail to take care of their computers. We are concerned that should she resign, we would have no tech and to use the people in the Office of Technology, is not desirable. The proposal is to create a Technology Assistant position that will work with Robert Davis our System Manager to assure all systems work well. The plan is to hire Crystal to fill that position so we can retain her knowledge of libraries and have someone to backup Rob when he is away.

David Amsbary moved and Wendy Thomas seconded the motion to create Library Technology Associate to work under Robert's guidance. Voted and passed.

It was decided that the regular meeting of the Board would be held in August since so much is happening.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.


Judy K. Rule, Secretary


Charles Bagley, President