

Rockbridge Regional Library System  
Board of Trustees Meeting – June 27, 2024  
4:15 PM

The Board of Trustees met at the Glasgow Library on June 27, 2024 at 4:15 PM.

Members present included Alexandra Brown, Jessica Whipple, Gail Heslep, Melanie Forde, Bob Kramer, Thomas Bell, McKinley Williams, and Margaret Kirkby. Staff members present were Julie Goyette, Library Director, and Janice Burguières, Secretary.

Jessi Whipple, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Margaret Kirkby made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2024 meeting. Melanie Forde seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica welcomed the newest board member representing Rockbridge County, Harper Donahoe. Gail Heslep introduced Harper and he shared his background with the board members.

### **Mission Moment**

Barbara Slough, Glasgow Library Branch Manager, shared the history of the Glasgow branch of the library. The Glasgow branch was established thirty years in 1976. The current building was built thirty years later in 2006. She shared pictures representing many of the activities throughout the years of the Glasgow branch. She shared some of the library programs including a knitting group, author talks, local history programs, and hosting hikers from the Appalachian Trail. Barbara began working at the library as a substitute in 1990. She assumed the position of branch manager in 1998. The library serves patrons from Natural Bridge, Natural Bridge Station, Buena Vista, and Bedford, in addition to residents of Rockbridge County.

### **Recognition of Board Members**

Jessica recognized Gail Heslep who will be leaving the Board. She read a resolution for Gail and expressed her gratitude for her many years of dedication. This is also the last meeting for Margaret Kirkby who represented the City of Lexington for two years. Mrs. Goyette cited the work that Gail and Margaret shared on the policy committee and that both board members will be greatly missed.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Hugh Henderson spoke to the board regarding his concerns over children's access to library materials.

### **Questions regarding board packet**

The Board did not have questions regarding the board packet.

### **Discussion**

#### *Updated trustee orientation document*

Julie Goyette shared a revised Board Trustee Orientation document. The design of the document is specific to our library region. The Policy Committee worked to update the document for new board members in FY 2025.

*Library board interest form for website*

The Policy Committee reviewed a board service questionnaire for the RRLS website. The committee updated the document after deciding that a questionnaire was not needed as each locality has its own process for appointing trustees.

Julie thanked Jessi for her leadership of the board over the past year.

**Adjournment**

McKinley Williams made a motion to adjourn. Alex Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on July 25, 2024 at 4:15 PM at the Lexington Library. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Burguieres  
Recording Secretary