

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library System
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

The Board met at 5:30 p.m. at Laman Library in Rm 126. Zoom access was also provided. Ms. McLean called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Ms. Valerie McLean, President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Esther Crawford; Ms. Kim Drake; Mr. Sonny Rhodes, and Ms. Joyce Brewer. Ms. Katie Phippin was absent. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Stacy Purdy, and Ms. Robin Campbell. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Baxter, second Mr. Rhodes to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Financial Report. Motion Mr. Rhodes, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the Statistical Report. Discussion highlighted rising numbers with a great "Oceans of Possibilities" Summer Reading Challenge. Also discussed NLRSD student identification cards being students' library cards, updating the Laman Library security system, and training for employees this year. Motion Ms. Drake, second Mr. Baxter to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Director's Report, including her PTO and recent meeting schedule. We received the first reimbursement from ArLA for Ms. Gates' ALA conference attendance. We received nearly \$550 in fishing equipment from Bass Pro. Five fishing poles with tackle boxes, two tackle box kits, a \$100 gift card, and five \$25 gift cards will be used for prizes during the Children's Fishing Derby on October 22, 2022, at Burns Park. Five fishing pliers will be used by staff members to assist during the Derby. Three tackle box kits were added to the Library of Things collection. We applied to STARnet for 1,000 free eclipse glasses in addition to those Mr. Theilig ordered for the 2024 eclipse. We worked with the Just Between Friends group to request \$650 from The Wish You Well Foundation to update the physical staff and technology book collections. Ms. Gates sent a letter of support for North Little Rock Parks and Recreation's grant application to create fully accessible restrooms at Laman Library.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at Laman Library.

Ms. Drake commented that the Half Cent Sales Tax continuation passed for North Little Rock, and it might be time for the Library to seek to increase the millage.

With no further business to discuss, motion Ms. Drake, second Mr. Rhodes to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary