

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
North Little Rock Public Library
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 5:30 PM
Laman Library

The Board met in Laman Library's Room 126 with Zoom access provided. Mr. Sonny Rhodes called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Mr. Sonny Rhodes, President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Joyce Brewer, Ms. Esther Crawford, Ms. Kim Drake, Ms. Jenny Heard, and Ms. Katie Phippin. Also present: Mr. Richard Theilig, Ms. Robin Campbell, Ms. Stacy Purdy, Ms. Lacy Wolfe. Ms. Stephanie Chase joined remotely.

Ms. Chase, of Constructive Destruction, held a focus group session with the Board of Trustees for the Strategic Plan project. Ms. Chase shared that more than 250 community member surveys have been returned so far.

Motion Ms. Brewer, second Mr. Baxter to approve the Minutes of November 18, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

After a review of the Financial Report by Ms. Gates, motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Drake to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Theilig reviewed the Statistical Report. Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Drake to approve the Statistical Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates reviewed the Executive Summary Report, including her PTO, recent meeting schedule, upcoming events, and planned conference attendance. Ms. Campbell highlighted the Spanish and English board games sent by ALA's Thinking Money for Kids grant. Ms. Wolfe shared professional development, internal development and operations efforts, and programming coming up in 2025.

Ms. Gates announced upcoming events, including Third Friday Art Walk; Staff Training March 31 – April 1; Community Strategic Planning Town Hall Meetings at Laman and Argenta Libraries on February 26; and upcoming conferences.

Ms. Drake commented that the Joy of Reading is coming up during Arkansas Children's Week from April 4-11.

The next regular meeting is set for March 17, 2025.

With no further business to discuss, motion Ms. Heard, second Ms. Brewer to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Crystal Gates, Secretary