

Minutes of the Board of Trustees
William F. Laman Public Library
September 9, 2019
10:30 AM

The Board met at the Main Branch in Room 124 at 10:30 a.m. Ms. McLean called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Those present were Ms. Crystal Gates, Executive Director; Ms. Valerie McLean, President; Mr. Charley Baxter; Ms. Esther Crawford; and Ms. Kim Drake. Ms. Joyce Brewer, Ms. Vicki Matthews, and Mr. Sonny Rhodes were absent. Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Crawford to excuse the absences. Motion carried unanimously. Also present: Ms. Jenny Heard, Ms. Stacy Purdy, Mr. Richard Theilig, and Ms. Fredonna Walker. There were no public comments.

Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Drake to approve the Minutes of August 12, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. McLean reviewed a timeline of the financial picture, and then gave a review and led the discussion of the financial options available that were discussed at the August 22nd Finance Committee Meeting. Current payoff of the two bonds for Argenta Branch are approximately \$2.2 million. Motion Ms. Drake, second Ms. Crawford to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Mr. Baxter, second Ms. Drake to approve the Statistical Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gates presented the director's report. Ms. Gates' PTO balance is 285.55 hours. The ArLA/SELA Joint Conference is September 27-29th in Hot Springs. Ms. Gates will be attending the North Carolina Library Association Conference October 14-18, 2019. SELA will host a joint conference with NCLA in 2021, and Ms. Gates was selected to be the SELA board representative to promote the future conference. The library has begun partnering with the North Little Rock Traffic and Courts to allow non-violent offenders who have been assigned community service and possess skills needed at the library to serve those hours at the Main Branch. The Staff Awards Party is scheduled for December 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Burns Park Heritage House. Award nominations will be sent out soon, and board members are welcome to nominate a staff member for appropriate awards.

The Freedom of Information Act discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Upcoming events include Art Walk at Argenta on September 20, 2019, 5-8 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 14, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Crystal Gates, Secretary