

**Bland County Public Library
Board of Trustees
Organizational Meeting**

**Bland County Public Library, Bland, VA
January 12, 2022, 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Laura Radford, Tiffany Carter, Eric Workman, Molly Thompson, Sharon Puckett, and Cameron Burton

Cameron Burton called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Elections

Cameron Burton took nominations from the board for Chairman. Eric Workman made a motion to reinstate the 2021 officers; Laura Radford to serve as Chairman and Tiffany Carter to serve as Vice-Chairman. Molly Thompson seconded the nomination. The motion was approved.

Laura Radford, Chairman, took nominations from the board for Secretary. Molly Thompson nominated Cameron Burton as Secretary following the State of VA Code for the calendar year, 2022. Eric Workman seconded the nomination. The motion was approved.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Agenda

Eric Workman made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Tiffany Carter seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

2. Approval of Minutes

Molly Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2022, meeting. Sharon Puckett seconded the motion. Eric Workman abstained. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Cameron Burton gave a library update noting these items:
 - The outdoor sign is fully installed, and the project is complete. The sign was slightly over budget due to shipping and material delays/expenses. Bland County Beautification will assume the responsibility of planting and landscaping the grounds around the sign this spring.
 - Utilizing funds from the LVA ARPA stipend of \$4926.00, the library has purchased a meeting room pod to alleviate the need for private working spaces in the library.
 - Through a Virginia Department of Health Program (STACC), the library has been distributing free at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits. The community has provided positive feedback having the library as a resource to pick up tests.
 - The Kajeet Hot Spot program is underway. There are 5 *unrestricted* hot spots and 20 *restricted* educational hotspots. There is a large demand for the unrestricted units. In the future, the board may want to consider purchasing more of the unrestricted units.
 - In person programming has been delayed due to the spike in COVID-19 cases in the community. After contacting and receiving information from the Bland Co. Health Department, we may see a peak around the first week of February. We will reassess in-person programming (preschool Storytime) at that time and decide.
 - The Friends of the Library are active. They completed their annual Christmas party at the library. It was well attended and successful. They are also planning to reprise the Lois Shupe Jewelry Sale for later in 2022.
 - Cameron Burton will check with the appropriate authorities to see if a joint Foundation could be formed to support the library and museums in Bland County, namely Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum. A joint Foundation would allow for more fundraising opportunities for both unique facilities.
 - Cameron Burton noted that future upgrades projects could include:
 - Additional meeting room pods if the pilot project is successful.
 - Automatic entry doors.

ADJOURNMENT

Tiffany Carter moved that the meeting be adjourned. Sharon Puckett seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

*Next meeting date and place: April 13, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.
Stowers Meeting Room, Bland Co. Public Library.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Burton, Secretary