

Special called meeting Sumner County Library Board
Sumner County Administration Building Room 112
August 9, 2023 3:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present:

Jackie Wilber, Chair
Joanna Daniels, Vice-Chair
Ruth Fennell
Beverly Hyde
Debbie Martin
Region Director
Jim Holcomb
Director
Kayley Wilson
Erika Grammer
Beth Key, Secretary

Other Present:

Anita Lamberth, PPL Director
Gabby Cato, GPL Director
Annie Corbitt, MPL Director
Lauren Rippy, WPL Director
Cecilie Maynor, Red River

Steve Weiner, Asst. Law

Absent:

Diane Johnson
Alycia Neighbors, HPL Director

Chair Wilber called to order the special called meeting and completed roll call of members.

Chair requested motion for approval of agenda. Agenda amended to defer approval of July 12 meeting minutes to September regular board meeting.

Debbie Martin made the motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Ruth Fennell seconded.

Motion passed.

Public recognition.

No requests from the public to speak.

Old Business

Discussion of Service Agreement

Chair Wilber asked Cecilie Maynor, Red River Region director to speak to State of Tennessee

Public Library Service Agreement, Red River Region, Sumner County, FY2023-2024.

This document is signed every year by the Library Board and over the years few changes have been made. This year with the increased number of challenges to

library collections the Tennessee Regional Library System has deemed it necessary

that all public libraries must include certain requirements in the Collection Development

Policies and Internet Safety Policies.

All board members were provided with a copy of the Public Library Service Agreement to study.

Cecilie provided information as to the reasons and purpose of the policies. A yearly

review of collection development policy should take place. Also, clear guidelines for

challenges should be a part of the policy. This is an effort by the Regional System to put

all libraries on the same page. The wording of policy should reflect current law and guidelines.

Floor open to questions and discussion of agreement. Items discussed included the process of developing the policies. By-laws and Policies committee would discuss with input from Sumner County library directors, Red River Region director and County lawyer. Chair, Red River Region director and library directors felt confident that a strong collection development and Internet Safety policy are in place.

Other discussion centered around options provided by the state for signing of the agreement. In addition, questions about director and staff training and if additional items could be added to the policy as set forth by the state. The state set minimum standards but the board can expand guidelines.

Also clarified was the release of Federal and State money depending on which option the board selected to sign.

Jim Holcomb called for the question.

Chair Wilber asked for a motion to sign the agreement.

Beverly Hyde made the motion to select the second option to sign.

Beth Key seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The second option states that “We currently meet and agree to all provisions in the agreement, except potentially for the Collection Development and/or Internet Safety Policy minimum requirements, which we agree to review and update by January 1, 2024.”

Also presented and discussed was the Official Public Library Service Area 2022-2023. Cecile Maynor spoke to this document. Sumner County population is distributed to each library.

Minutes of May 20, 2015 board meeting were provided to show the inclusion of the new Millersville Public Library. The distribution would allow existing libraries to maintain their

respective levels and bring the new Millersville library as a Level 2 under the governance.

of the library board.

After discussion which led to an agreement to sign the Official Public Library Service Area 2022-2023 document with the understanding that further discussion would take place concerning future distribution.

Chair Wilber asked for a motion.
Joanna Daniels made the motion to sign the document.
Erika Grammer seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

New Business

Report on Bylaws/Policies committee.
Beverly Hyde, chair of Bylaws/Policies committee, presented a report on procedure of development of new Bylaws. After in depth discussion, and research and many hours of meetings the new policy was presented to the board for discussion and revision during several board meetings. The final document is now ready to be voted on.

Debbie Martin made the motion to accept the Bylaws.
Jim Holcomb seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wilber announced the next regular Library Board meeting to be held September 13.

Chair Wilber asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Joanna Daniels made the motion to adjourn.
Kayley Wilson seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Beth Key.