

**James L. Hamner Public Library**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Mar 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Karen Freas, vice- president. Members present were Jill Hames, Ruth Ashton, Carol Hix, Karen Freas, Gail Geraghty, Tom Hayghe, Virginia Whitaker, and Jennifer Jones.

Karen asked if there were any questions or comments about the minutes that were sent out from our January meeting. There were none. Carol moved that we accept the minutes and Tom seconded.

Corresponding Secretary - Carol said that she sent a thank you note to Mary Ann Griles for her service on the board.

Evaluation Committee - Tom said that the library director's evaluation was completed and delivered.

Library Director's Report - Jill asked if everyone had seen the February report. Carol commented on how much the library's focus has changed - there's now so much computer usage.

Jill said that February has been surprisingly busy, and she's very happy with the new ILS system, as it's been easy to use.

Jill spoke about the ARPA Grant for a solar device charging station that she received in the fall. It has been ordered and should arrive in the middle of the summer.

Jill received an update from the Virginia Department of Health; as they are amending the Covid-19 testing program, our library will be getting a new kind of antigen test to distribute to the public. The VDOH will evaluate monthly to see if we qualify.

Jill shared that the county has changed how we do the budget, and now furniture and computers are no longer part of the library's annual budget. The county is now covering these costs, and so she has ordered several new computers and new chairs for the library staff.

The recent Genealogy Class had 9 participants.

Jill said that it's been challenging posting library events on social media. Due to the nature of the formats, the information she's trying to share isn't really reaching the community. She's been brainstorming ways to get the word out about programming and events.

Some of the upcoming events planned by Baylee include the Primitive vs. Modern Camping Event on March 26th, A Plant and Seed Swap on April 2nd, and a Bookkeeping Class for Business Owners on April 9th.

Old Business - Jill said that we need to update our Five Year Strategic Plan. Virginia said she'd be happy to look at it and Karen said she could help.

Jennifer spoke about the status of the following trustees who have terms expiring at the end of June:

Tom - will continue on the board

Gail - " " " " "

Karen - " " " " "

Phyllis - Jennifer will call to verify

John - will not continue

Jennifer said that a list needs to be sent to Brenda Arthur of proposed changes to the board.

Jennifer said that the board's meeting times have been removed from the bylaws, along with the inclement weather statement. Also, the section which stated that the board will be notified of meeting changes was deleted.

At 6:33, Karen moved the meeting be adjourned and Ruth seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on May 17th at 6:00 p.m.