

**Forrest City Public Library  
Board Meeting  
April 15, 2019**

A meeting of the Forrest City Public Library Board was called to order on April 15, 2019 at 4:45 pm at the library.

**Roll Call**

Board members: Chairman Lindsay Hodges, Jeanette Jenkins, Judy Sweet and Sandra Wright were present. Library Director Arlisa Harris and Katie West from Times-Herald were present. Eva Pickett was not present.

**Reading of Minutes**

Board member Sweet moved to accept the board minutes from the meeting on March 11, 2019; seconded by Board member Wright and it passed unanimously.

**Reports of Committees**

*Financials & Library Endowment*

The board received bank statements from the checking, investor's and Memorial accounts through the end of March 2019. The library received and collected the following: state aid \$10,053.00, millage \$3,582.82 and fines and fees \$1,106.75.

The board also received a Statement of Revenue and Expenditures on money spent through April 12, 2019. Board member Sweet moved to accept the financials as submitted; seconded by Board member Wright and it passed unanimously.

Board member Sweet asked whether anything was ever deposited into the investor's account. Harris stated that there is no activity in that account. After some discussion, Board member Wright moved to close the Armor Money Market account and transfer the funds to the First National Bank of Eastern Arkansas account; seconded by Board member Jenkins and it passed unanimously.

*LeadAR*

Harris reported that her most recent LeadAR seminar was in the city of Newport and their growing economy. Harris also reported that the next LeadAR seminar in May will focus on writing and lobbying bills created in the Arkansas legislature.

*VITA*

Harris reported that the VITA program has officially ended, and 102 returns were completed.

*Friends of the Forrest City Public Library*

Chairman Hodges reported that she attended the Friends' meeting on March 27, 2019. Hodges stated the group is off to a good start. After some discussion, the board decided to rotate attending the Friend's board meetings. Harris reported that the Friends' group discussed taking

over the library's book sale. Harris shared that the book sale was once handled by the former defunct Friends group. The library collects anywhere from \$10 to \$30 a week on the ongoing book sale. Board member Sweet stated that allowing the Friends' group to take-over the book sale helps the library since the money comes back to the library and the Friends' group doesn't adhere to the same rules of use of funds. The board unanimously agreed to allow the Friends' group to take-over the book sale and collect the proceeds.

### **Unfinished Business**

None reported.

### **New Business**

#### *Children and Youth Services New Hire*

Harris reported that there was a delay in scheduling the physical, so the new hire is not official until results are received.

#### *Library Board Officers*

The board decided to table this, again, until the full board is in attendance.

### **Programs**

The board received a newsletter that listed programming for this month.

### **Announcements/Correspondence**

None reported.

**Next meeting is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 4:45 p.m.**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlisa Harris, Library Director

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Sandra Wright, Secretary