

**Uncle Remus Regional Library System
Board Meeting
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Madison, GA 30650
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The Regional Board of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System (the "Board") met at the Uncle Remus Regional Library System Headquarters in Madison, GA. on April 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

- Greene County: Carroll Slusher, Anita McCoy, Mary Lou Noonan, Emma O'Neal,
- Hancock County: Rhunette Lewis, Jane Braxley, Mary Lacksen, Belinda Peebles, Angela Lawson,
- Jasper County: John Stork, Mary Camp, Ross Hays, Missy Hopper, Amy Wade,
- Morgan County: Bonnie Hicky, Hiram Johnston, Linda Thoman,
- Putnam County: Patricia Hone, Lynn Hobbs, Mike Mize,
- Walton County, Loganville: Nancy Curry, Janice Tribble, Terry Raiford
- Walton County, Monroe: Marc Hammes, Laura Webster,
- Walton County, Social Circle: Adele Schirmer, Penny Keener, Gina Morton, Jamie Peterson
- Walton County, Walnut Grove: Don Cannon.

Excused Absences:

- Greene County: Peggy Uehlin, Tom Uehlin
- Jasper County: Margaret Watson,
- Morgan County: Irene Paul,
- Putnam County: Georgette Craig,
- Walton County, Loganville: Charlotte George, Lee Munsey
- Walton County, Monroe: Susan Blair,
- Walton County, Social Circle: Joan McMillan, Nancy Posner,
- Walton County, Walnut Grove: June Pringle

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Act at O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g) this meeting is being held by teleconference. Such section allows meetings to be held by teleconference "under circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety." Notice of the meeting has been provided to the public, and means are afforded for the public to have simultaneous access to the teleconference meeting.

Motion 1: Amend Agenda Approved

A motion to amend the agenda to (1) move the Audit Report before the Financial Report, and (2) to add a discussion under new business regarding paying staff through June 30, 2020 was made by Bonnie Hicky, seconded by Don Cannon, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 2: January 09, 2020 Minutes Approved

Stacy Brown presented the minutes from the January 09, 2020 Board Meeting. Please see the Board Meeting Packet. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Penny Keener, seconded by Amy Wade, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 3: Audit Report Approved

Amanda Wilkson, of Bates Carter presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report. Please see the Board Meeting Packet. A motion to accept the Audit Report was made by Bonnie Hicky, seconded by Ross Hays, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 4: March 31, 2020 Financial Report Approved

Ms. Brown presented the Financial Report dated March 31, 2020. Please see the Board Meeting Packet. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Don Cannon, seconded by Mike Mize, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 5: FY21 Tentative Budget Approved

Ms. Brown presented the FY21 Tentative Budget. Please see the Board Meeting Packet. A motion to accept the tentative budget was made by Marc Hammes, seconded by Bonnie Hicky, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 6: FY21 Signatory Authority Approved

Ms. Brown presented the annual report documents, including the FY21 Signatory Authority. A motion to give signatory authority for all contracts and other documents to Stacy Brown was made by Don Cannon, seconded by John Stork, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 7: Director's Salary Approved

The Director's Salary for FY21 was presented for approval. A motion to accept the Director's salary was made by Bonnie Hicky, seconded by Don Cannon, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 8: Changes to the Uncle Remus Regional Library System Constitution and Bylaws Approved

Mary Young presented global changes to the Uncle Remus Regional Library System Constitution and Bylaws to reflect the new regional system name. A motion to approve the changes was made by Mary Lou Noonan, seconded by Jane Braxley, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 9: Changes to the Hancock County Library Constitution and Bylaws Approved

Mary Young presented the changes to the Hancock County Library System Constitution and Bylaws. A motion to approve the changes was made by Mary Lacksen, seconded by Jane Braxley, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 10: Changes to the Jasper County Library Constitution and Bylaws Approved

Mary Young presented the changes to the Jasper County Library System Constitution and Bylaws. A motion to approve the changes was made by John Stork, seconded by Amy Wade, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 11: Personnel and Policy Manual Changes Approved

Ms. Young presented the changes to the Personnel and Policy Manuals. A motion to approve the changes was made by John Stork, seconded by Don Cannon, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion 12: Pay Staff Through June 30, 2020 Approved

Ms. Brown discussed continuing to pay staff through June 30, 2020. A motion to pay staff through June 30, 2020 was made by Don Cannon, seconded by Jane Braxley, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Brown discussed what the Regional Staff, Library Managers, and support staff had been doing during the COVID-19 crisis. Ms. Brown stated that we are using Task Assignment Sheets to keep track of staff work and hours region-wide. Ms. Brown discussed that we have added public updates, a live chat feature, and "get help" form to the website. Ms. Brown announced that GPLS has granted money to each library system to purchase COVID-19 supplies. Ms. Brown announced that the FY20 State Material Grant has been restored. Ms. Brown discussed a recovery plan for re-opening the libraries with limited non-contact curbside service beginning May 26, 2020. Ms. Brown announced that summer reading would be done virtually using Bean Stack, a program purchased by GPLS for FY20. Ms. Brown discussed the work she has been doing with RPLAC to work on pandemic and recovery policies for libraries throughout Georgia. Ms. Brown thanked the Trustees for their support during this pandemic and unprecedented times. Trustees thanked Ms. Brown and her team for their efforts.

Motion 13: Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bonnie Hicky, seconded by Rhunette Lewis and passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes were Prepared and Submitted by Mary E. Young