



Forrest City Public Library Minutes – July 17, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER – 4:45

II. ROLL CALL

LINDSAY HODGES, CHAIRMAN
KAREN HODGES
JEANETTE JENKINS
EVELYN SMITH
SANDRA WRIGHT
ARLISA HARRIS

III. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES - Motion to approve the minutes by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Evelyn Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. **FINANCIALS** – Memorial account, no change except for small interest paid. Checking account statement showed millage \$17,875.34 and fines/fees \$844.30. Motion to approve the Financial Statement as presented was made by Jeanette Jenkins and properly seconded by Evelyn Smith.
- b. **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** – Sheila Gracey reported the final attendance numbers. Attendance numbers lower than in previous years. Sandra Wright suggested starting in July and hopefully vacation Bible and summer school have concluded by then.
- c. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (ALA CONFERENCE)** – Arlisa reported on attending the conference, which included two mandatory day sessions to satisfy two grants.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **LAWSUIT & ACT 372** – Arlisa reported that Arkansas libraries are awaiting a judge's decision as to whether ACT 372 will go into effect on August 1st.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **PROPOSAL FOR FINE FREE LIBRARY** – Arlisa presented literature from ALA and other sources that confirm that charging late fines deter people from using a library. Motion in favor of the library becoming fine free and forgiving fines by Evelyn Smith and seconded by Jeanette Jenkins. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **ARLA CONFERENCE, HOT SPRINGS (Oct 13-15)** –Arlisa requested attending Arkansas Library Annual Conference. Motion to approve the director attending the conference at a cost of \$1,032 by Jeanette Jenkins and seconded by Evelyn Smith. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **LIBRARY SHELVING POSITION**- Arlisa reported that this position will become vacant on August 1st.
- d. **DELTA PLUS YOUTH WORKER** – Arlisa reported that the city will supply a summer youth worker, at no cost to the library, for up to six weeks.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 5:23

Minutes approved on _____

By _____
Lindsay Hodges, Chairlady

Minutes prepared by Artisa Harris on August 10, 2023