



**Kingsport Public Library Commission – Meeting Minutes  
Kingsport Public Library Skype Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2020**

**Members Present:** Jaclyn Clendenen, Margaret Counts, Dorothy Dobbins, Katie Harden, Melissa Hamby (all via Skype)

**Others Present:** Chris Markley, Library Manager  
Gail Campbell, KPL Regional Board Representative

Meeting was called to order by Chris Markley, at 4:02 p.m.

**Actions Taken:**

Approval of Email Votes March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, May 26, 2020

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the email votes were approved with the change in Email vote of May 26, 2020 to correct amount of \$25/maximum. Motion made by Jaclyn to approve, second by Melissa. Unanimously approved.

**Manager's Report:** As emailed (on file). Chris Markley shared information about the Library and the current Browse and Go and computer use by appointment model. She also shared about upcoming virtual programs; Supernatural Trivia and After Hours Book Club. Virtual programs are more popular for adults with virtual trivia having over 70 participants. Virtual trainings for the Libraries Lead with Digital Skills grant are ongoing and Chris encouraged the Commission to share information about the program. A Storywalk has been installed in Glen Bruce Park to provide a family literacy activity. The first story is *Going on a Bear Hunt* retold by Michael Rosen, illustrated by Helen Oxenbury.

Circulation reports as emailed (on file).

**Old Business:**

CARES grant –This grant was designed to provide funding to purchase technology and supplies to help residents of the community cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Library applied to receive funding for 20 Chromebooks, 30 hotspots, and a microphone. The Chromebooks and hotspots are to be circulated to the community to provide digital access to those in the community that need the access for work, school, or any of the other things that access provides. The Chromebooks and 20 hotspots were to be paired as digital access packs and the



funding for the 10 remaining hotspots would allow for our current hotspots to be fee free for a year. Chris shared that the funding we received was for 5 hotspots, 4 Chromebooks, and a microphone. The reduced funding has raised questions: how to handle the no fees on 5 hotspots in digital access packs vs. fee for 10 hotspots? Would circulating just Chromebooks be useful? A discussion around the popularity and usage of hotspots and the growing need for Internet in the community. Jaclyn said that there are many in community that would welcome just the Chromebook. Dorothy suggested reaching out in community to have a group or foundation fund the hotspots for a year. Kate was going to check with her husband's ministry regarding support.

**New Business:**

No New Business

Meeting adjourned by Chris Markley at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Markley, Manager  
Oct. 15, 2019