

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY 18, 2006  
Minutes**

The meeting was **called to order** by Vice Chairman Miller at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call** by Secretary Berger:

**Present:** Lionell Parker (Chairman), Jon Miller (Vice Chairman), Ken Berger (Secretary), Elsa Woods, Marian Andrews, Mohammad Rashdi, Al Roberts, Allan Lang and Lisa Greenbaum; County Commissioners' liaison Michael Page; and library staff Priscilla Lewis, Karlene Fyffe, Joyce McNeill, Susan Wright, Brenda Watson, Jana Alexander and Rheda Epstein

**Absent:** None!

The **minutes** for the June 20 meeting were approved.

There were no substantive changes to the **agenda**.

**Introduction and Welcome of New Director** (Board Members)

**Communications** (Mr. Auld)

Passed around the clip report. He expressed the wonder and pleasure of his first days on the job.

**Financial Report** (Ms. Lewis)

Distributed reports for the end of the 2005-2006 fiscal year, and the start of 2006-2007. A little money left, but not much. In response to a question about the copiers at East, we are leasing, as does the rest of the county, and there is no color copier, but there is a color printer. Still hope to get a color copier.

**Branch Services Report:**

Introduced by a report from Ms. Watson regarding use issues the Salvation Army Branch Library, at which that organization's use policy restricts access by adults, a variety of concerns were discussed, including: the fact that the branch does not meet standards for use and resources; the need to balance open access to the Durham community with the Salvation Army's interest in children's safety; the need to better serve the needs of the people of that community, especially disadvantaged children; the various library reading programs which currently serve those children; the impact of program development on similar situations and other communities that might also want special programs and services; transportation issues for those who would need to access primary facilities (e.g., bus service to Main and, reopening later this summer, Stanford L. Warren); and the commitment of the board and staff to delivering appropriate services to all members of the Durham community. Library staff will develop a plan that will address the Salvation Army situation, for presentation to the board at the August meeting; the board will review the plan, and both board and staff will keep in mind the broader concerns addressed at this meeting.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Policies** (Mr. Miller): Discussion of the "Bulletin Board Policy" and "Safe Child Policy" were postponed until the next meeting; this will give the committee an opportunity to review staff comments. There was also discussion of the review process, with a plea for a less ambitious schedule (i.e., one a meeting). It was also suggested and agreed that drafts be labeled as such, with the date of the draft, and with the approval and review dates be blank.

**County Commissioners' Liaison** (Mr. Page): No report.

**Facilities and Standards** (Mrs. Woods): No report.

**Strategic Planning** (Mr. Auld): The director restated the need to attend to this matter.

**Information and Technology** (Mr. Berger): The chair had no report. Mr. Lang relayed complaints that the bookmobile is not tied to the library's circulation system, such that users were getting false overdue and books not returned notices. Ms. Lewis stated that key administrative personnel were not aware of this until a few weeks ago, and the problem is being addressed.

## **External Reports:**

**Durham Library Foundation** (Mr. Berger): The board met earlier this afternoon. The annual financial statement, which will be audited, and the impressive fundraising efforts for the year were reviewed.

**Friends of the Library** (Mrs. Woods): The June book sale was another success, and if it raised less money than the last sale, it was nevertheless impressive given the weather and the smaller number of books available.

**Friends of Stanford L. Warren Library** (Ms. Lewis): Didn't meet, but will meet this month.

## **Director's Report** (Mr. Hampton Auld)

He repeated how happy he is to be here, and noted his efforts to meet with all library staff.

Mr. Miller expressed a fond board farewell to Mr. Parker, noting his leadership during difficult times, his wealth of knowledge and good humor, all of which will be missed. The board concurred with applause.

Ms. Lewis thanked the board for its support during her interim directorship.

## **Elections** (Mr. Miller)

As proposed by the Nominations Committee at the June 20 meeting, the following slate of officers for 2006-2007 was nominated and elected: Mr. Berger for Chair, Mr. Rashdi for Vice Chair and Ms. Greenbaum for Secretary.

