

Durham County Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 5, 2009
Third Floor Board Room, Main Library

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Call to Order: Chair Al Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Mr. Roberts did a visual roll call. Present: Tatia Ash, Joe Hewitt, Allan Lang, Al Roberts, Michael Schoenfeld, Joyce Sykes and Elsa Woods, Trustees; Dr. Wendell Musser, Friends of the Library Liaison, Placide Barada, Foundation Liaison and Becky Heron, BOCC Liaison

Also Present: Skip Auld, Lakesia Farmer, Catherine Mau, Joyce McNeill and Gina Rozier, Library Staff

Mr. Roberts announced that he had received Mr. Rashdi's resignation from the Board.

Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved as written.

Approval of the April Minutes: The minutes for the April meeting were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

COMMUNICATIONS:

Ms. Rozier circulated the Clip Report. Highlights included:

- *Main Street* filming which took place on May 1st. The movie donated \$1,000 to the Foundation. Orlando Bloom signed all three of the library's READ posters.
- On April 30th at Main, Latina poet and children's book author Pat Mora read selections of her poetry as part of the library's month long celebration of National Poetry Month and in honor of El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) of which Ms. Mora is the founder.
- A Young Harpists Concert was held at Main Library on Sunday, May 3rd. Over 145 people attended.
- The library is gearing up for Summer Reading and *Durham Reads Together*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Auld announced that he received the Urban Libraries Council's Joey Rodger Award. He will use the award's stipend to attend UNC's School of Government.
- *Poetry for Everyone* is making an impact in the community. Police Chief Lopez raved about the program at a recent Rotary meeting. School Board Member Minnie Forte-Brown was in attendance when a high school student read. She was impressed by the student, and he has since been offered a full scholarship to NCCU.

FINANCIAL REPORT - MR. AULD

- Mr. Auld gave a brief budget update and announced that the County Manager would present the budget to County Commissioners at their May 26th meeting. Until that time, we will not know what the Library's budget will look like.

COMMITTEE & EXTERNAL REPORTS:

Board Development & Evaluation – Ms. Ash

No report

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Facilities & Standards – Ms. Woods

The committee discussed food in the library and potential sites for when Main is closed for renovations. Ms. Woods is composing a letter to be sent to the BOCC about the need for a temporary facility when Main closes.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 26th at 6 pm

Information Technology – no report

Next Meeting: Monday, June 8th at 12 pm at the Bruegger's Bagels on Ninth Street

Planning & Budget – Mr. Lang

No meeting. Mr. Lang will poll the committee members for convenient meeting times. Meetings are currently scheduled for the Wednesday prior to the Board Meeting with the next meeting planned for Wednesday, May 27th at 3 pm.

Next Meeting: To be announced

Policies – Mrs. Sykes

There are three policies needing changes: the Overdue, Registration and Co-Sponsored Programs and Events Policies. The committee will meet soon.

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

County Commissioners – Commissioner Heron

The County Manager's budget will be presented to the Commissioners on Tuesday, May 26th.

Library Foundation – Mrs. Barada

- The Foundation's Executive Committee met and the full board will meet on Monday, May 18th.
- Willis Whichard is ending his service as the Foundation's President but will serve another year as Immediate Past President. He will be honored at the May 26th County Commissioners' meeting for his nine years of service as the Foundation's president.

Friends of the Library – Dr. Musser

- Two staff members were selected to receive the Friends' Scholarship. The winners will be announced at the May 6th Staff Day.
- The LCD projectors have been installed at all locations.
- Flat screen monitors for information purposes will be installed at five library locations.
- Universalist Church donated 120 boxes of books to the Friends.
- The Friends' Annual Meeting will be held June 3rd.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13th

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board Retreat was excellent, and the facilitators were great. A fall retreat will be held once the new Trustees come onboard. The information from the recent Retreat will be summarized and the group will move forward with the information that was not covered.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Ms. Ash will work on a proposal for a Smoking (or No Smoking) Policy for the library and will share the information with the Policies Committee before bringing it to the full Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Heron mentioned the Community Circle Award which is given for outstanding performance or work on Boards or in community organizations. Mr. Lang will forward the link and application to the Board members.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Mr. Auld circulated the March Statistics. He noted that Juvenile Programs and Attendance would go up after the June 20 Summer Reading Kickoff. Stats were not provided for Information Services because the library is moving to a sampling method of gathering statistics so these numbers will no longer be provided monthly. Mr. Hewitt asked if there were any weeding stats. Mr. Auld will supply them at the next meeting.
- Mr. Auld distributed an RFID timeline. Security gates and self check equipment will be installed at Main and Parkwood.
- Mr. Lang asked if additional security guards would be added at North. Mr. Auld reminded everyone about the 30-30-30 technique and the Library's new No Loitering stance that he shared at last month's meeting. The Library is also looking into the possibility of adding security cameras at Main and North Regional. Mr. Lang also asked for an update on using K9 officers. Mr. Auld commented that the decision to not use the dogs at this time still stands. No additional suspicious activity has been reported.
- There are currently two vacancies on the Board. The announcement was not listed in the newspaper, but has been shared with the Library Family, library staff and is on the County's website. Commissioner Heron asked if the Board interviewed interested applicants; the Board does not. Instead, the trustees review the applications and once the Board reaches a consensus, recommendations are sent to the Commissioners. Commissioner Heron noted that several County Boards do conduct interviews and that there is no restriction against interviewing.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lakesia W. Farmer, Executive Assistant

NEXT MEETINGS: June 2 and July 7, 2009 (Main Library First Floor Auditorium) at 6:00 pm