

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Hank Kinsley, Ann McLain, Carl Newman, Luis Olivieri-Robert, kynita stringer-stanback, Willis Whichard

Absent: Mrinmay Biswas, Miguel Jackson, Katie Kaefer

Friends Liaison: Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve March minutes: W. Whichard Second: C. Newman  
Minutes approved unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

Board members are encouraged to attend Library Staff Day Wednesday, May 17 or Thursday, May 18.

Mr. Newman, Ms. McLain and kynita stringer-stanback recently attended ethics training in the Clerk's Office.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A leadership meeting composed of representatives from the Board of Trustees, Friends, and Foundation will be held in May. The Friends are hosting the meeting.

A policy committee was formed, consisting of Mr. Kinsley, Ms. McLain, and kynita stringer-stanback, to review library policies. Policies will be reviewed prior to board meetings and comments and suggestions will be presented to the board at May meeting. Proposed edits will be presented at the June board meeting.

Mr. Kinsley would like to advertise board vacancies to gather additional applicants. Board members suggested advertising through marketing and social media.

**Committee Updates (W. Whichard)**

**Advocacy Report**

The advocacy committee has not met, however Mr. Whichard has been working with Ms. Baggett and Ms. Robinson to coordinate staff to work with the advocacy breakfast. The advocacy committee breakfast will be held at Main Library Wednesday, November 15.

**Art Committee (M. Biswas)**

A report was not given at this time.

### **Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)**

Board Development & Evaluation Committee has not met. Mr. Kinsley inquired on status of educational topics for upcoming presentations. Topics will be shared at future meetings and the fall/winter retreat.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)**

The Foundation has not met. Staff and members have been working on the “friend raiser” event which will be held Saturday, April 29, at 7:00-10:00 p.m. Ticket sales have gone well with over 200 sold at \$75.00 per ticket.

#### **Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)**

The Friends have received 27 new membership applications and produced over 14,000 book sales. There is a backlog for online orders. DVD popup sale will be held April 29. The next book sale will be Saturday, June 10. Outreach is working on developing Spanish literacy books. The scholarship program will be reviewed in May for distributions occurring next year. During Library Fest Ms. Tillman-DeWitt and Friends will deliver treats to locations in appreciation for National Library Workers week.

#### **Library Reports (T. Baggett)**

##### **Library Fest Events**

##### **Terry McMillan**

April 24, 6:30 pm - Carolina Theatre

New York Times bestselling author Terry McMillan (Waiting to Exhale, How Stella Got Her Groove Back, A Day Late and a Dollar Short, and so many more) discovered her love of literature while shelving books at the local library. She'll share her story and more as we kick off Library Fest!

##### **Chef Sean**

April 29, 11:00 am - Nasher Museum of Art

Chef Sean Sherman is a restaurant owner, author, and James Beard Award recipient for Best American Cookbook. He'll share the story of The Sioux Chef, a growing team of Indigenous chefs, ethnobotanists, food preservationists, adventurers, foragers, caterers, event planners, artists, musicians, food truckers, and food lovers.

##### **Sheila Turnage**

April 26, 4:00 pm - Children's Programming Room

Sheila Turnage's award-winning Mo & Dale mysteries have captured the hearts of many tweens - we know because her books are always on hold! This is a can't-miss for middle-schoolers.

##### **Jeghetto**

Jeghetto is an acclaimed self-taught Master Puppeteer who has starred in a Missy Elliot video, a Super Bowl ad, and much more! We can't wait to hear his story.

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22 and on behalf of the library, Ms. Baggett acknowledged board members with tote bags to show appreciation for their dedication and service on the board.

Library quarterly reports will be distributed prior to meetings and members are encouraged to share comments at meetings.

#### **Closing Comments**

None at this time.

**Action Items (A. Robinson)**

- Ms. Robinson will follow up with Ms. Baggett and marketing for advertising anticipated vacancies.
- Ms. Robinson will order board member name tags.
- Ms. Baggett will follow up with editing closing announcements regarding fees to patrons at Main closing.
- Ms. Robinson will coordinate with Ms. Fennell to provide policy committee policies by May 22, at the latest May 30, to review prior to BOT June meeting. Committee would like to schedule a Zoom meeting the week of June 5 to discuss questions.
- Ms. Baggett will follow up on educational topics for retreat.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn: W. Whichard Second: k. stringer-stanback  
The next meeting will be held May 18, 2023, Main Library.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.