

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Aquaris Anderson, Hank Kinsley, Ann McLain, Tal Matalon, Carl Newman, kynita stringer-stanback, Miranda Straubel, Willis Whichard

Friends Liaison Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

Guests: Jerome Bias, Afiya Carter, Chris Faison

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve June minutes: C. Newman Second: W. Whichard
Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There was no carry over of old business.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Currently there is one board member vacancy. An appointed member in July was unable to serve due to a job conflict.

The nominating committee will meet to determine whether to recommend an applicant from the current pool of applicants or to advertise.

Stipends

Per the Clerk's Office -The Durham County Board of Commissioners has approved the creation of an opt-in stipend program for eligible Boards and Commissions. The stipends are intended to offset related expenses such as babysitting, parking, transportation, and internet usage while being a member of the Durham County Boards and Commissions.

The program will pay a \$50 stipend to eligible County-appointed members for each meeting they attend. Payouts will be completed quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Payments will be based on attendance records provided to the Clerk's Office by your board's staff liaison or chairperson. The first checks will be mailed in October 2023. Durham County employees are not eligible for the stipend program.

Committee Updates (W. Whichard)

Advocacy Report

A save-the-date has been sent out for the advocacy breakfast. The breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30 am at Main Library auditorium. Invitations will be sent out by the committee the first of October.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)

Board Development Committee held orientation with new board members Tal Matalon, Miranda Straubel and Aquaris Anderson. The committee is planning a retreat later in the year.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)

The Foundation does not meet during summer month however there is a sub-group for development which met in June. The purpose of the sub-group is to enhance donations from current donors and to recruit new donors. A package will go out to all prospects by October. Mr. Whichard is joining Karen Wells to discuss a future program.

Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)

Katherine Jackson is the new president and Jennifer Lohman is vice-president. A DVD pop-up sale will be held 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday, August 19 at Main Library. A teacher appreciation sale will be held 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sunday, August 20 at Books Among Friends, 3825 S. Roxboro Street. The discount will be 50% off all items in store.

Library Reports (T. Baggett)

The library serves as cooling centers during summer and heating center during the winter. During the recent storm Bragtown was closed and the regionals did not have internet service and phone service. Main was open with internet and phone service. The American Red Cross provided water, snacks and a survival kit.

Ms. Baggett reviewed the April – June 2023 quarterly report with board members.

Action Items (A. Robinson)

- Ms. Robinson will forward catering information to advocacy committee.
- The nominating committee will meet to discuss applications for vacancy.
- Ms. Robinson will order name tags for board members.
- Ms. Baggett will review name tags and different options.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: C. Newman Second: k. stringer-stanback

The next meeting will be held September 21, 2023, Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.