

DURHAM COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 21, 2006

Present: Lionell Parker (Chairman), Jon Miller (Vice Chairman), Ken Berger (Secretary), Mohammad Rashdi, Al Roberts, Elsa Woods; and library staff Priscilla Lewis, Joyce McNeill, Susan Wright, and Rheda Epstein

Absent: Michael Page (Liaison to the County Commissioners), Mary Tenuta, Marian Andrews, Hugh Giblin

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2006 and March 7, 2006

Approved with one minor correction to the February minutes.

Communications

Hugh has resigned; board accepted the resignation with an expression of gratitude for his service. Mary's position should be filled next week. No word on Marian's baby.

Financial Report

Priscilla noted the demands of the budget process and the impending opening of the East.

Priscilla distributed the budget plan for next year, as submitted to the County. There are still reviews by the County Manager's office prior to submission to the commissioners. Lionell commended staff for their work, as did Priscilla, including Joyce's work with the numbers.

Committee reports

Facilities and Standards: No report

Policies: No report

Planning and Budget: No report

Information and Technology: No report

County Commissioner Liaison: No report

External reports:

Durham Library Foundation: Lionell reported that they met last week. They worked on support for the Finding the "Genome" events; they are also looking at raising money for Stanford L. Warren. Last year they raised \$40K; this year already they have already reached \$45K. Their tours of the East Regional will start next week.

Friends of the Library: The next book sale will be April 7-9.

Friends of Stanford L. Warren Library: Priscilla reported that they met last week, and will meet again April 3; they hadn't met since the library was closed for renovations. They had lots of questions, and are giving money for plaque and other needs.

Durham Library Fund: Lionell reported on the spendable money in the Triangle Community Foundation account.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning 2006-2010: Priscilla has not yet met with staff about this. Lionell, Elsa, Willis and Priscilla met a few weeks ago, and agreed to delay the next big strategic planning process until the arrival of the new director. They also agreed to continue the existing plan. Lionell praised Priscilla's involvement of library staff in the process.

New business

Resolution Draft: Revised with Jon to make final draft available for board review and approval at the April 18 meeting.

Employee Appreciation Day: April 26, maybe at East.

Director's report: Priscilla has been working on the budget and East Regional. Asked about a different charge for color copies at East ; this will require amending the fines and fees policy. There will be further investigation prior to board action.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM

Next meeting: April 18, 2006, 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Berger, Secretary

March 22, 2006