

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.
VIA UBERCONFERENCE CALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sandra Chambers called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Mrinmay Biswas, Michael Case, Sandra Chambers, Miguel Jackson, Katie Kaefer, Hank Kinsley, Luis Olivieri-Robert, Willis Whichard

Friends Liaison: Joel Lerner

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

Absent: Camilla Meek

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

Newly appointed board member Katie Kaefer was introduced to the board.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction to August minutes as follows: Under new business section, Director's report section, the fourth paragraph should read "The health department has advised the library not to serve as a learning center for DPS at this time."

Motion to approve August minutes with corrections: Mr. Whichard Second: Mr. Kinsley
Minutes approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Trustees Award Discussion (S. Chambers)

The board discussed whether to award the Trustees Award to a staff member this year. Several options were discussed as to how to gather nominations which included social media, Savannah Email Blast, Facebook and nominations submitted from staff. A virtual staff day is being planned but the date has not been determined. A deadline date for the end of the month is targeted. Once we have a staff development date we can coordinate details of the nomination and the deadline for contribution toward the monetary award.

Director's Report (T. Baggett)

Ms. Baggett shared a sneak peek slide show of Main. The presentation highlighted the North Carolina Collection, teens, children's, maker lab, business center, meeting areas and various areas of the library. We look forward to opening to the public soon if the science and data indicates that it is safe to do so.

Communication Report

The communication report was distributed to board members prior to meeting.

Health Report

The health report was distributed to board members prior to meeting.

Advocacy Report (W. Whichard)

Advocacy Committee has not met.

Art Committee (M.Biswas)

Art Committee has not met at this time.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)

Board Development Committee has not met at this time. Mr. Kinsley recommended not hosting a retreat in December but suggested a future retreat when details can be more definitive for planning purposes. The Board will re-evaluate in the future.

Motion to postpone December 2020 retreat and reconsider a later date Mr. Kinsley Second: Mr. Whichard

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (S. Chambers)

The Foundation met in September. A video presentation was presented and Mr. Whichard presented on civility. This was a timely topic and well received by participants.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020 the Foundation will welcome special guests Jaki Shelton Green Poet Laureate of North Carolina and CJ Suitt Poet Laureate of Chapel Hill. “The poets will share an exchange of work and ideas centered on How to Claim Peace. Jaki Shelton Green is a renowned North Carolina artist with an established career who has traveled many byways of North Carolina and the world in her role as state Poet Laureate. CJ Suitt is the first ever Poet Laureate of Chapel Hill and is a performance poet, arts educator, and community organizer whose work is rooted in storytelling and social justice. Together they bring a multi-generational perspective of what it means to understand and bridge differences as a prerequisite to claiming peace.”

The Foundation is working on a virtual event for National Library Week 2021 which will highlight programming for all ages. Ms. Chambers has volunteered the board to assist with this task in any way the Foundation may need.

Action Items (A. Robinson)

- Ms. Robinson will send email reminder regarding award
- Ms. Chambers will follow up with Ms. Meek and Mr. Lerner to confirm Trustee Award participation
- Ms. Robinson will confirm board members are on email blast list

Next meeting will be held Thursday, November 19.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: Mr. Biswas Second: Mr. Kinsley

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.