

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**ZOOM CALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Mrinmay Biswas, Miguel Jackson, Katie Kaefer, Hank Kinsley, Ann McLain, Luis Olivieri-Robert, kynita stringer-stanback, Willis Whichard

Friends Liaison: Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Absent: Anita Robinson

Staff: Tammy Baggett

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve September minutes: W. Whichard Second: M. Jackson  
Minutes approved unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

The Friends Scholarship guidelines were provided to committee members.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Updates (H. Kinsley)**

Camilla Meek has resigned her seat on the Board due to other commitments. The process of soliciting applications has begun. Mr. Kinsley explained the County reached out to past applicants to see if they are interested in re-applying, and also placed notices of openings in the paper and on the county boards website. The applications are sent from the Clerk's Office to Ms. Robinson, who shares them with the BOT. We are hoping to have names for discussion at the February meeting.

As Ms. Meek was on the nominating committee, her role on that committee needs to be filled. Mr. Biswas and k. stringer-stanback volunteered to join the committee. Mr. Kinsley offered to participate as needed.

Two BOT members will reach their term limits in 2023, therefore applications will be sought for those positions when the time comes.

k. stringer-stanback asked for clarification about the re-opening date for Stanford L. Warren; the re-opening is planned for late 2023. Ms. Baggett shared update messages about Stanford L. Warren will resume in early January.

Mr. Kinsley raised a question about outreach to NCCU, DTCC and Duke to provide information about the library and to streamline the acquisition of library cards for those students. Ms. Baggett explained

that there is an outreach, although not specifically focused. She offered to put Mr. Kinsley and k stringer-stanback in touch with the outreach person.

**Advocacy Report (W. Whichard)**

Advocacy Committee has not met.

**Art Committee (M. Biswas)**

Art Committee has not met.

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

The Board Development Committee has not met.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

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

Foundation has not met since September. The Foundation was very successful in fundraising in 2022 and has welcomed many new donors.

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

Three scholarships have been awarded by the Friends. In addition, the Friends have passed their budget; book sales have increased to \$12,000/month, and membership in the Friends has also increased. A new Friends logo will be unveiled soon. Ms. Tillman-Dewitt invited all of the board members to email her with any ideas for staff appreciation.

**Library Reports (T. Baggett)**

Ms. Baggett shared the sad news of the death of Rheda Epstein, former Supervisor of Resources & Technical Services at Durham County Library.

The library has received a non-recurring grant from the State Library as administrators of ARPA funds in the amount of \$153,000. Some of this money is being used for the SLW collection, and also to replace chairs and tables at East Regional. The County also received ARPA funds; the library would like to use some of that money for staffing in certain positions, i.e., homework help.

**Action Items (A. McLain)**

- Ms. Baggett will look into the County ARPA process and update the BOT.
- Ms. Baggett will arrange branch tours for BOT members.
- Ms. Baggett will follow up on outreach to college students and make the connection for Mr. Kinsley and k. stringer-stanback. Following a request from Mr. Olivieri-Robert, Ms. Baggett will ask Maria to present to the Board on Spanish language services.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held January 19, 2023 at Main Library and via Zoom.