

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**MAIN LIBRARY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

Present: Aquaris Anderson, Tracy Jackson, Hank Kinsley, Tal Matalon, Carl Newman, Miranda Straubel, Willis Whichard

Absent: Ann McLain, kynita stringer-stanback

Staff: Sarah Alverson, Tammy Baggett

Guests:

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**LOCATION REPORT– Sarah Alverson, Community Engagement**

Sarah Alverson, Community Engagement Manager, presented an overview of Community Outreach which focuses on outreach in the community. Outreach includes the following units: OASIS and Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Read. The unit is expanding outreach programs to include Spanish. There is a possibility Outreach may transition from daycare centers due to only 3 having received the 3 out of 4 stars. They are still receiving services but include more bilingual services than previously.

The Techmobile position is being filled and will begin offering additional programs each week. Programs will increase from offering one per week to 3 or 4 services per week.

Spanish Services continuing to grow; well rounded staff person that has a variety of programs for the community to include computer classes, craft programs, and homework assistance to name a few. She has also partnered with DPS Foundation to give away 60 laptops.

Maker/STEAM Unit now reports to Community Engagement. This allows STEAM outreach programs, digital literacy and bridging the digital divide to be offered more frequently in the community and at all library locations, as opposed to just at Main Library.

Looking at better ways to accurately tell the story of Community Engagement. This unit has a number of programs in the community including attending the community Earth Day event, events at public schools

with numbers upward of 500 in attendance. Some programs have been geared to teens and providing an opportunity for teens to discuss college needs such as applying for college, different majors etc. The Policy committee will have a virtual meeting before June. During the June meeting the policies will be discussed with the entire board with the intent of voting and approving policies to move forward.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Advocacy Committee (W. Whichard)**

Advocacy Breakfast – reiterated that the advocacy breakfast would be in January to accommodate the new Board of County Commissioners.

#### **The Policy Committee (H. Kinsley)**

The Policy Committee will meet virtually prior to BOT June meeting. During the June meeting policies will be discussed with the entire board with the intent of voting and approving policies to move forward.

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

The Board Development Evaluation Committee did not meet.

#### **Nominating Committee (H. Kinsley)**

Mr. Kinsley will coordinate the date for the committee to meet prior to the June meeting. Officers will be voted on at the June meeting.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **Friends of the Library (T. Baggett)**

The Friends are meeting tonight.

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

The Foundation met on Monday. Foundation Board members will reach out to donors to send notes of appreciation for their giving.

### **Action Items**

- Confirmation is needed to determine Mr. Kinsley's final BOT meeting date.
- Mr. Kinsley will schedule a meeting with the Nominating Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn: T. Jackson Second A. Anderson  
The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20 at Main Library.  
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.