



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes

January 28, 2021

(Zoom Meeting)

NOTE: These minutes are a reconstruction of notes of Mark Hudson and Wright Adams from the January 28 meeting. Each thought the other was taking minutes for publication. This abbreviated blend was prepared on March 31 and April 1, 2021 and is offered for further comment before being considered official minutes.

Board members present: Mark Hudson, Chair, Michelle Garey, Miranda Hyland, Robin Brackett, Ann Royster and Doug Bridges.

Others attending: Rebecca Higgins (FOL Representative), Wright Adams (Library Director).

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. As was the case for the November 2020 meeting, attendance was via the Zoom Meeting platform.

Upon a duly made motion, and a second, the minutes of the November meeting were approved. (If anyone remembers who made the motion and second, please let Wright know)

Director's Report:

Mr. Adams reported on a number of initiatives undertaken since his arrival. In terms of staffing, he noted recruitment and hiring efforts in regards to the open Outreach and Adult Services positions. He next shared some of the statistics from Library services over the past few months. Of note were the better-than-expected attendance for the virtual programs being offered.

Mr. Adams also reviewed the efforts of the Library to protect staff and patrons during the COVID pandemic. While some libraries remain closed to the public, our library has been able to offer open hours with appropriate restrictions on volumes and social distancing. He reported that the annual budget process will be gearing up in the near future. He also shared information about upcoming virtual Black History Month programs on Saturday February 20 (Afro-Cuban jazz music) with Galen Abdur and Saturday,

February 27 with local author Ron Harrill. Both will be carried on Facebook Live. He also gave a brief glimpse as to the format of the summer reading programs which, at this time, are planned to be offered virtually and in-person.

The Friends of the Library report was offered by Rebecca Higgins. She reported that due to COVID, the Friends have not been able to accept donations or have any book sales since last year but they are looking forward to being able to do so during 2021. She also reported on the postponed Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library, which for now, is scheduled to be October 19, 2021 at the LeGrande Center with guest speaker author Cassandra King.

Old Business:

In one matter, Mr. Hudson inquired as to the status of the Bylaws Revisions undertaken last year. Mr. Bridges offered to follow-up on this. (After the meeting, Mr. Bridges reported that those had been approved by the Commissioners in late 2020 and provided a copy of those. These were then shared with board members.)

Also briefly discussed was the re-naming of the Library as a result of a significant contribution. Signage has been under evaluation and a date for the unveiling of the new name is being worked on (anticipated timeframe of mid-spring).

New Business:

Mr. Hudson reminded members to consider their contacts with Board Service in mind. We currently have a couple of vacancies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Alan Hudson
Chairman

Wright Adams
Library Director