



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes

March 25, 2021

Zoom Format

Board members attending: Mark Hudson, Chair, Commissioner Doug Bridges, Michelle Garey, Robin Brackett, Ann Royster. Not in attendance, Miranda Hyland.

Others attending: Rebecca Higgins, Wright Adams (Library Director), Sarah Edmonds, Brittany Jones, Meghan Blackburn.

Mr. Hudson called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm and thanked everyone for attending

Regarding the approval of the January 28, 2021 minutes, there was some confusion as to their status. In the end, no motion was made to accept them and Mr. Hudson and Mr. Wright will follow-up to see if these could be redistributed and considered for an email vote. (Note: after the meeting, it was discovered that both Mr. Hudson and Mr. Wright had brief notes entered on their agendas but each thought the other was writing the minutes.) These were subsequently drafted for board review and will be voted on at the May meeting, prior to those of the March 25, 2021 meeting.

Director's Report:

Mr. Wright discussed a number of topics of general interest and highlighted the upcoming renaming ceremony for the Library that will be held May 3 at 2:30 pm. He noted Stephanie Marson has joined the Library's staff as Library Program Assistant in Adult Services. He then introduced three of his staff who reported on what their roles with the Library entail and projects they are currently working on. These included:

- Meghan Blackburn, Technical Services Manager, who highlighted efforts to Diversify the Library's collections and, in the process, ensure they are current and relevant.
- Brittany Jones, Youth Services Manager, who reported on her efforts with developing programming for the upcoming months for youth, starting with 'NASA Ambassadors' *Mad Science* in April.
- Sarah Edmonds, Adult Services Manager, described several 'non-traditional' library programs being considered such as soap making, the start-up of a new book club and financial literacy programs in conjunction with Summit Credit Union.

Friends of the Library:

Rebecca Higgins represented the 'Friends' at today's meeting and noted that while COVID has restricted some of their fundraising activities, they are still active. At their March meeting, they determined that they would resume tasks that, over time, Library staff had assisted with or assumed. These tasks include the 'Friends' quarterly reports, updating and maintaining their mailing lists and establishing a PO Box for inquiries and donations.

Old Business:

Other than the minutes of the January meeting, there was no other Old Business.

New Business:

Mr. Hudson formally introduced Elainie Conz, who is visiting with the Board today via ZOOM. Mark noted that Elainie has expressed an interest in service on the Library Board. He had previously had a phone interview with her and thought an in-person introduction would be in order. Ms. Conz provided information on her upbringing (Cleveland County native), her education (Kings Mountain HS, graduation from Shelby HS, double major graduate from East Carolina University) and why she is interested in the Library. Those in attendance had no questions and Mr. Hudson thanked Elainie for attending.

He then noted that if acceptable to the Library Board, Ms. Conz's application would be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. On a motion by (Michelle Garey? and a second by (??)), Ms. Conz was unanimously approved to be forwarded to the Commissioners to review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Alan Hudson
Chairman

Wright Adams
Library Director