

**Wicomico Public Libraries
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Audrey Orr, George Demko, PhD, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Pattie Tingle, Ryan Bass, Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD, Maida Finch, PhD, Karen Treber, Esq., Shane Baker, County Council and Michele Gregory, City Council. Michele Schlehofer joined PhD via Zoom

Staff in Attendance: Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello, Bobbi Schreiber and Cristi Richardson

Previous Minutes: Mr. Dashiell made a **Motion** that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. Dr. Bergen-Aurand seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Our Community Support Specialist, Cristi Richardson, explained some of the operations and goals of the Community Support Center located in the Paul S. Sarbanes Branch of the Library. She helps people with job searches, unemployment claims, finding shelters and obtaining documentation needed for these quests and others. She assists people in applying for available programs, such as low-cost or free phones and internet services. She also communicates and mediates in the Library when difficulties arise.

Reports: Ms. Orr went through the **Consent Agenda Reports: Donations, Usage & Programs, Grants/Outreach** asking if there were any questions on each, individual report. Ms. Yahya made a **Motion** to approve the **Consent Agenda**; it was seconded by Dr. Finch and was passed. Seth reported that the **ESRL** had their most recent meeting on March 13, 2023, where they discussed the reforming of the governing of the regional library system by adding individuals from the community to the governing board. Ms. Yahya discussed the progress of the Light of Literacy Breakfast and the success of the spring book sale in the **Friend's Report**. Dr. Schlehofer gave the Board an update on the **EDI Committee's** recent meetings. They are revising programming guidelines for the Library in accordance with EDI Standards. Seth delivered the **Director's Report** and Cheryl explained the **Assistant Director's Report** and the **Budget Report** for February and March. Ms. Tingle brought a **Motion** to approve the Budget; it was seconded by Dr. Demko and was passed. Ms. Yahya proposed a **Motion to approve the Budget Reallocation** outlined in the Board Packet. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dashiell and approved by all. Shane Baker brought news from the **County Council** that the budget had been submitted earlier in the day and there should be more news on that in the coming weeks. The Council has been contacting delegates and representatives to try to keep the Ward Museum going. **City Council** Representative, Michele Gregory, informed the Board that the Anne Street Village will be opening on Friday, April 21st.

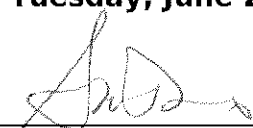
Old Business: Dr. Demko brought a **Motion** to approve the second reading of the **Draft Budget**. Ms. Treber seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. After the final modifications to the **Naming Rights Policy** were accepted, Mr. Bass brought a **Motion** to approve it. The motion was seconded by Dr. Finch and passed.

New Business: David Quillen is the architect that has been chosen to design the renovations for the **Parsonsborg Project**. The hope is that the building will be ready to open by July of 2025. The **Motion** to accept the grant awarded to the Library by the **Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore** in order to develop partnerships with local businesses was brought by Mr. Dashiell; seconded by Ms. Yahya and passed unanimously. A **Motion** to approve a late opening on the morning of the **Light of Literacy Breakfast** was introduced by Dr. Finch. Mr. Bass seconded the motion and it was approved by all. The **Motion** to close all the library branches for one day on or about May 19, 2023 for a staff training day was brought by Ms. Tingle; seconded by Dr. Bergen-Aurand and approved by all.

Dr. Finch brought a **Motion to Adjourn** at 5:50 pm; it was seconded by Dr. Demko and approved unanimously. Mr. Bass proposed a **Motion** to move into Executive Session. Dr. Demko seconded the motion and it was passed. The Executive Session is closed to the public pursuant to Section 3-305 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland- "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dr. George Demko, Secretary