

**Wicomico Public Library
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Audrey Orr, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Michele Canopii, PhD, Brian Bergen-Aurand PhD., George Demko, PhD and Michele Gregory, City Council

In Attendance on Zoom: Maida Finch, PhD and Michele Schlehofer, PhD

Staff in Attendance: Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello, Aurelio Giannitti, Kerry O'Donnell, Stephanie Daisey, Pablo Rojas and Bobbi Schreiber

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Dashiell presented Dr. Demko with a plaque honoring him for his many years of service as a Board Member and the Secretary of the Board.

Previous Minutes: Ms. Orr made a **Motion** that the minutes of the June meeting be approved; Dr. Canopii seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Reports: Mr. Dashiell went through the **Consent Agenda Reports: Donations, Usage & Programs and Grants/Outreach Reports** asking if there were any questions on each, individual report. Dr. Canopii made a **Motion** to approve the **Consent Agenda**; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and was passed. Ms. Yahya gave an update on the latest activities of the Friends in the **Friend's Report**. Ms. Yahya will be stepping down as Chair of the Friends of the Library Steering Committee because the Friends will now become a subcommittee of the **Friends Foundation**, therefore, a member of the Friends Foundation Board will be appointed as Chair and Liaison. Seth pointed out that Ms. Yahya's time as the Friend's Chair has been very successful. Dr. Schlehofer explained that the **EDI Committee** has been working on selecting speakers for Staff Day and has finalized the EDI Task Force application. She is also the Chair of the **CML Board**, and they are having their annual conference on November 2nd, 2024, where the Keynote Speaker will be Lisa Varga, the 2024 Librarian of the Year. Ms. Orr spoke on behalf of the **Nominating Committee**. They are still conducting interviews and have two candidates they are ready to present to the Board and then to the County Council. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion** to nominate Freddy Mitchell as a new member of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bergen-Aurand and approved by all. Ms. Yahya brought a **Motion** to nominate Dr. Marie Bernadette Fouche as a new member of the Board. Ms. Orr seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Michele Gregory of **Salisbury City Council** reported that there will be construction in and around the parking garage for the next couple of weeks. National Night Out was a big success for the City. John Cannon was not present so there was no **County Council Report**. Cheryl delivered the **Assistant Director's Report & the Financial Reports**. Dr. Bergen-Aurand observed that the cost of parking permits has gone up again for the second year in a row. Dr. Bergen-Aurand introduced a **Motion** to approve the **Financial Reports**. Dr. Canopii seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

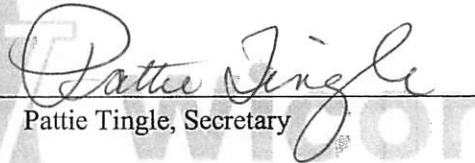
Business: Ms. Orr brought a **Motion** to approve the appointment of three additional members to the Friends Foundation Board. The three new members are: Ray Hoy, Mike Wigley and Steve Farrow. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bergen-Aurand and approved by all. The Board had the second reading of the **Bylaw of the Library Board of Trustees Revisions** and Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a **Motion** to approve these revisions. Ms. Yahya seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The County requested a signed letter from the Board stating that the Library

has allocated adequate funds to award a contract for construction on the Parsonsburg location. Dr. Canopii brought a **Motion** to approve the allocation of various Library funds in the amount of \$832,895. to be given to the County to hold for the project. Dr. Bergen-Aurand seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion to authorize the County to enter into a Contract with a builder on behalf of the library.** The motion was seconded by Dr. Canopii and approved by all. Ms. Yahya brought a **Motion** to approve moving the \$70,481.71 that is in the Friends account with the Library to the Friends Foundation account. Ms. Orr seconded the motion, and it was approved by all. Ms. Yahya introduced a **Motion to move into Executive Session,** Ms. Orr seconded the motion, and it was passed.

Meeting Adjourned for an Executive Session, by consensus, at 6:30 pm. The Executive Session closed pursuant to § 3-305 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland-Personnel Matters § [3-305(b)(1)]. Board will discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction; and will consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


 Pattie Tingle, Secretary

