

Library Board Meeting July 11, 2019

The Library Board of the Buncombe County Public Library held a regular meeting on July 11, 2019 in the Meeting Room at the North Asheville Library. Library Board Members present were Michael McCue (Chair), Ruth O'Donnell, Lindley Garner, Kay Wall, Stefan Stackhouse, Karen Dugas, Barbara Weatherall, Linda Wilkerson. Also present were Jim Blanton, Library Director; Brandon Freeman, Buncombe County Staff Attorney.

Mr. McCue called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He read the ethics reminder: *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict.*

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Moved to approve minutes by acclamation.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Director's Report

Mr. Blanton discussed meetings with staff from MSR Design to reimagine the space at Pack Library. He showed examples of library designs from libraries in Louisville that had been redesigned to maximize both efficiency and aesthetics.

Mr. Blanton gave a budget overview for FY2019-2020 with assistance from Library staff member and Senior Accounting Technician Michael Clark. Ms. O'Donnell added that the Board should become more involved in the budget development as advocates for the Library with the County Commissioners. She proposed that a group from the Board meet with the County Manager. Ms. Wilkerson suggested that the Board form a committee to develop priorities for fundraising and advocacy. Mr. Stackhouse suggested a Library foundation to pursue funding gifts.

Mr. Freeman reminded the Board that groups of less than five board members can meet without violating the Open Meetings Law. Board members should also be judicious in the use of the "reply all" function in email.

Old Business

Ms. Weatherall reminded the Board that Georgia Coleman of the Richland County Library will speak at Pack Library on September 30 on "How to Spark Innovation in Your Library." Mr. McCue volunteered to work with Ms. Weatherall on final details of the program.

Ms. Dugas moved a letter be written to the County Commissioners to thank them for funding the Enka Library renovations. Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion and it passed. Ms. Dugas volunteered to draft the letter and present it to the Board.

New Business

Mr. Blanton asked the Board for a fine amnesty day in conjunction with the upcoming Library Centennial. Mr. Stackhouse made a motion to create a one-day fine amnesty day for the entire Library system on July 26 and the motion passed. Mr. Stackhouse, Ms. Weatherall, Ms. O'Donnell and Ms. Wall volunteered to assist at the Centennial celebration at Pack Library on July 26.

The Library is embarking on a new project that will allow all Buncombe County school students to use their student ID as their library card. Mr. Blanton asked the Board to approve that all students using their ID as a library card will not be subject to library overdue fines. Lost and damaged item fines will still apply. Ms. O'Donnell moved that the Board approve fine free cards for students. Mr. Stackhouse seconded and the motion passed.

Board Discussion

Ms. O'Donnell reminded the board that the Census is next year. Census forms will be online, and many people will be coming to libraries to fill out form online. Ms. O'Donnell will discuss the possibilities of providing some Census training to Library staff with Mr. Blanton.

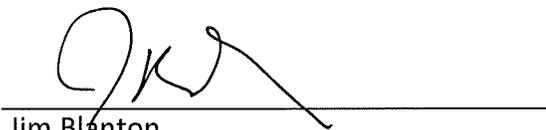
The Board was reminded that the September meeting will be on September 12 at Pack Memorial Library.

Motion to adjourn by acclamation.

Minutes read and approved this the 12th day of September, 2019.



Michael McCue
Library Board Chair



Jim Blanton
Library Director