

**ASHE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD  
ACPL COMMUNITY ROOM  
March 14, 2022**

**Attending:** Kim Barnes, Jane Blackburn, Dr. Doug Butler, JoAnn Crawley, Kyle Hall, Stephen Katz, Laura McPherson, Karen Moll, Tammy Holston

**Absent:** None.

**Visitors:** Dr. Michael and Mrs. Ruth Mills

**I. Call to order:** Dr. Butler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**II. Addition, deletions, and approval of agenda:** Proposed 2022-2023 budget added to agenda. Motion made by Jan to approve the agenda as amended; Kyle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Approval of previous meeting's minutes:** Motion made by JoAnn to approve the minutes as emailed; seconded by Jan. Minutes from last meeting should reflect discussion of documenting excused and unexcused absences for each meeting. Amended motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Correspondence and communications:** None.

**V. Reports of standing committees:**

**a. Endowment:** Jan reported that the Friends' treasurer, Susan Meredith, attended the last Endowment Committee meeting. Susan and Karen discussed the new issues involving the Solicitation License in opening the endowment account at LifeStore Bank as well as reporting income taxes for the Friends. Subsequent to that meeting, Karen reported the Friends voted at their January 26, 2022, meeting to open a checking account to receive funds from the upcoming endowment campaign. The next endowment committee meeting is TBA.

**b. Building Enhancement:** Kyle reported that Brantley is open to discussing the town taking over lawn maintenance from the county, from the library down to the Backstreet Park. Kyle and Laura will meet with Brantley for further discussions.

**VI. Unfinished business:**

**a. Appointment of a new board member to fill the seat vacated by Jacquelyn Isner:** Dr. Butler proposed the full board consider Lisa Calhoun, current ASHS librarian and a former ACPL Children's Department manager, as a replacement for Jacqueline. Board members reviewed her application and qualifications, with a motion by Jan to accept Lisa's application as a board member to fulfill Jacqueline's term, seconded by Karen; the motion passed unanimously. Lisa will fulfill Jacqueline's term which ends August 2024, and can then serve a full term of her own. A letter will be drafted to present to the county commissioners for approval.

**VII. New business:**

**a. FY 2021-22 Budget amendments:** The budget was reviewed. ARL retirement contributions are likely going up from 11.35% to 12.25%. Health insurance is also increasing. FOL has budgeted \$9,000 and \$10,000 from WCC for the library. Laura should know by May what the county will allocate for a grant. Suggestion was made that board members attend budget meetings; some of these meetings are public, some private. Further information will be available in the near future.

**b. Suggested amendments to Article V, Sections 1 & 2, and Article VI of the Ashe Advisory Board Bylaws:** Our bylaws currently state the AC advisory board meetings will be held "bimonthly in the odd-numbered months on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Wednesday ..." This advisory board has been meeting on Mondays for quite a while now. AC Library Board meetings on

Mondays work best because of the other advisory and regional board meetings. Kim made a motion that we propose this change in our bylaws that reflect our meetings are on Mondays and not Wednesdays, pending approval of the ARL board. The motion was seconded by Steve, with unanimous approval. This change will be /recommended at the May 19<sup>th</sup> ARL meeting.

- c. **Next Regional Board meeting:** March 17, 2022, Wilkes Library, 12:30 for committees, 1:00 p.m. for the full board
- d. **Next Local Board meeting:** May 9, 2022

#### **VIII: Other reports**

- a. **Report of the Friends of the Library President:** Karen Moll: Next FOL meeting: March 23, 11 a.m., with speaker Molly Grantham, WBTV News Anchor. Next blood drive: Saturday, April 23, 10 – 2:30 p.m. in the library’s community room. Call Marcia, 336-219-0128, for appointments. Friends Corner volunteer hours for 2018-2019: 1,917 hours; 06.01.2020-present: 1306 hours. Donations are still by appointment. There were 29 attending the February 2022 meeting generating 5 new memberships and 2 donations for 2 additional Twigs.
- b. **Report of the Regional Director:** Jane Blackburn: Jane and Tammy Holston, ARL Finance Officer, discussed budget adjustments and other financial information. See attached reports.
- c. **Report of the County Librarian:** Laura McPherson: The library continues its programming, outreach, technology upgrades and services, and author visits. An Open House will be held Saturday, April 9, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. See attached for more information.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dr. & Mrs. Mills introduced themselves, asked questions re: activities of the library and the board, and expressed interest in becoming involved with both groups and the Friends.

**Adjournment:** Kyle made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jan. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.