

**ASHE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEEETING
Monday, July 10, 2023**

Attending: Kim Barnes, Doug Butler, Lisa Calhoun, Joann Crawley, Kyle Hall, Tammy Holston, Steve Katz, Laura McPherson, Karen Moll, Jan Noffsinger

Absences: None

Guests: None

- I. **Call to order:** Dr. Doug Butler called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
- II. **Additions, deletions, and approval of agenda:** Add the March minutes for approval. Karen Moll made the motion to approve the addition, Lisa Calhoun seconded, motion passed.
- III. **Approval of previous meeting's minutes:**
 - a. Kim Barnes made the motion to accept the March minutes, Jan seconded, motion passed.
 - b. Kim raised a question about a Cannon Foundation grant. May minutes were amended to reflect this change. JoAnne Crawley made the motion to accept the amended minutes, Lisa seconded, motion passed.
- IV. **Correspondence and communications:** Cancellation of Wilkes Community College (WCC) contract: Tammy Holston and Laura McPherson received a message on June 30 from WCC that they will cancel the library's contract to provide library services for the WCC Ashe campus. This is a loss of \$10,000 a year which was allocated to operating expenses.
- V. **Reports of standing committees:**
 - a. Endowment: Please see Jan Noffsinger's report. Karen reported that the FOL/endowment checking account is active. Next steps will be to open a Facebook page and a PayPal account. Discussion about advertising and collecting donations followed. Kim suggested that we send a letter first, followed by a visit, to the large potential donors. Committee members will approach an individual donor for startup costs for the campaign. If this donor is not interested, they will approach Lifestore Bank with the same request.
 - b. Building Enhancement: Governor Cooper was recently in town. Kyle and Kim both suggested we go through Gov. Cooper's secretary to share information and ask questions.
- VI. **Unfinished business:** Report of the Search Committee for the Regional Director: Doug gave the report that Jacob Starks from Graceland University in Iowa has been chosen as our next Regional Director. He will begin work September 1, 2023, after moving to our area.
- VII. **New business:**
 - a. FY 2022-23 Budget Amendments: Please see report.
 - b. FY 2023-24 Budget: Please see report.
 - c. Officer nominations for 2023-24: Doug recognized the appointed nominating committee for this year as Jan, Lisa, and Karen. The slate of officers are: Chair: Dr. Butler; Vice-Chair: Jan; Secretary: Karen. Kyle made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, Joann seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Revise local bylaws (Article II, Section II.9) pursuant to May revision of ARLB bylaws (Article II, Section II.6) to allow for a member from the local board to serve as a full substitute at an ARL board meeting if a regional board member from that county is unable to attend. Please see attached for updated paragraph. Jan made a motion to accept the change, seconded by Karen, and motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Next Regional Board meeting: July 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in Ashe.
 - f. Next Local Board meeting: September 11, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

VIII: Other reports:

- a. Report of the Friends of the Library: See attached.
- b. Report of the Regional Director: See attached.
- c. Report of the County Librarian: See attached.

IX: Adjournment: The meeting ended. Karen made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 p.m., seconded by Kyle, motion passed unanimously.