

**Wicomico County Free Library, Inc.  
Board of Trustees Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Audrey Orr, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Karen Treber, Esq., George Demko, PhD, Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD, Richard Keenan, PhD, Michele Schlehofer, PhD, John Cannon, County Council

**In Attendance via Zoom:** Michele Canopii, PhD,

**Staff in Attendance:** Seth Hershberger, Cheryl Nardiello, Bobbi Schreiber

**Motion** to approve previous minutes made by: Dr. Keenan seconded by: Dr. Demko. Motion was approved unanimously.

**Reports:** Cheryl presented the **Gift & Donations Reports.**

Seth reviewed the **Statistical & Grant Reports.**

Dr. Keenan delivered the **Friends Committee Report.** The book sale held during the National Folk Festival netted \$1021. The next event is the yearly book sale in the Library that takes place in November which is being coordinated by Susan Bounds. The Book Shelf is running well now that most of the pre-Covid volunteers have returned. We are hoping to expand the Book Shelf in size as well as by beginning to sell WPL merchandise. The Friends are considering becoming involved with the "Little Libraries" program.

Dr. Demko explained the **Building Committee Report.** He expressed gratitude for the addition of Dr. Bergen-Aurand to the Building Committee and requested that another member join them.

Seth delivered the **Director's Report.**

Cheryl recounted the **Head Administrator's** and **Budget Reports.**

John Cannon reported on the most recent activities of the **Wicomico County Council.** Maryland Broadband is being expanded and they are now negotiating with network providers to complete the project. Volunteers are needed for the County's Compensation Committee. Because of the Maryland Police Accountability Act, the County now must form a Police Accountability

Board and a Citizen's Review Board. The County will be tearing down Harmon's Field (behind the YMCA) to build pickle ball courts.

**New Business: Motion** to approve the proposed expanded operating hours of all the branches of the Library was made by Mr. Dashiell, seconded by Dr. Keenan and approved unanimously. These new hours will go into effect "as soon as is practical".

Dr. Demko made a **Motion** to begin to recognize June 19<sup>th</sup> as Juneteenth as a closed and paid holiday with all the policies and procedures as normally applied for a holiday closure, in the fiscal year of 2022. Mr. Dashiell seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed upon.

Dr. Keenan made a **Motion** to allow all Branches of the Wicomico Public Library to close at 1 PM on Friday, December 17, 2021, for a system-wide staff holiday party. Ms. Treber seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

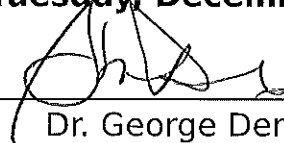
Branch Manager, Bernadette Cannady, has formed a work group to assure the library represents and maintains our EDI(Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) Statement and Seth and Dr. Schlehofer will be part of this group.

The Board agreed to review the By-Laws over the next two months and come to agreement on the changes at the next Board Meeting in December. The ESRL Board is restructuring to include two members from our county for a one year term. The members do not have to be members of our Board of Trustees but will be appointed by them. Dr. Keenan made a **Motion** to appoint Audrey Orr and Seth Hershberger as Members of the ESRL for the remainder of this fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Demko and was approved by all.

**Motion** to adjourn regular meeting made by Consensus. **Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.**

**Next Meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted:**

  
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 Dr. George Demko, Secretary