

Cape Charles Memorial Library

201 Mason Avenue

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday August 11, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Roger Moyer, Lisa Gomez, Ann Rutledge, Dianne Davis, Richard Burger
Special Guest / Previous Board Members: Chris Bannon (on Town Council for 35 years), Michael Flanagan (currently on Friends)

Call to Order – 5:03pm Lisa motioned to call meeting to order, Dianne seconded motion

Public Comments – none

A look at the Agenda: That smells like fudge! – Roger brought fudge for all and teed up reflections from Chris Bannon (Chris brought Michael Flanagan with him)

Featured item: A Library Conversation w/Chris Bannon & Michael Flanagan

- Chris moved to CC 36 years ago; Michael moved to CC 47 years
- Shared what it was like at library years ago – gave oral history and recollections of their time here and how Town took over Library (at Civic Center) from Eastern Shore Library. Town paid for land and everything except books. Town residents bought and donated book, had bingo/raffles etc. to pay for books, supplies.
- In 2003, Ann took over as FT librarian (1st ever), worked PT at library for a few years before then
- Deloris Morris served as the librarian for several years until Ann was hired
- Chris started on board early 2000s, was disorganized (board members had changed after Town started regulating board a bit)
- Library changed name in 2011 and moved to current location 8 years ago (2013) from Civic Center (windows there still have library name/date)
- Discussed most interesting Librarians, Board Members
- Library usage has changed over the years
- Library used to supply books to all of VA Eastern Shore
- African Americans were finally able to use library in late 60s/early 70s (with segregation's end)
- Library used to own budget – then town took over management of and budget. Today Town funds library money – library really reports to Town of CC, not Eastern Shore Libraries even though libraries work together. Before Ann, there were some challenges with this structure, but Ann says it works well today

Approving the July Minutes - Chris motioned to approve the minutes, Dianne seconded motion

Emerging Issues

- Chris asked about what Board can do to help library
 - Ann mentioned branding need for library to help market library; people still don't know what services library has
 - Lisa to find out who does website design (did Ambrogia's new website) and see if they can help support library
- **August 8, 2021 is in our Rear-view Mirror: What in Heaven's name does that mean? –**
 - Dianne has signed on for another term
 - Roger requested step down from Chair role but will stay on as board member
 - Richard volunteered to take over as Chair and all of board members in agreement and supportive
 - Dianne will still collect volunteer hours to report to town

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm – Lisa made motion to adjourn, seconded by Dianne

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa T. Gomez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" and last name "Gomez" clearly distinguishable.

Lisa Gomez, Secretary