

Minutes
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Cape Charles Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
5:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 5:00

Members Present: Richard Burger - Chair, Dianne Davis, Roger Moyer, Karen Mahaffy, Ann Rutledge, Ellen O'Brien (by phone)

No public comment

Rich mentioned that Cathy Fox has applied for the current Library Board vacancy.

Approving the November Minutes

Motion to approve by Roger. Seconded by Dianne

Ongoing

No news on the mounting of **the plaque** in the History Room. John will be asked to look at the wall and determine the best way to mount the plaque.

Study Carrels provided by the Friends have been assembled and are now in place upstairs. There was some discussion about improving the lighting in the upstairs area.

Festive Fridays: Front doors of Library were unlocked for public restroom use during second Festive Friday event, December 3. (Subsequently it was determined that they were also unlocked on December 10.) No one was present to monitor use of the facility or to prevent access to the library stacks.

Dianne commented, "Out of respect for Ann, the Town should let her know when the building will be open with no supervision."

Recognitions, Part III - Rich will contact Jo Bawiec regarding using decals on the pillars to list names for recognition. Categories of recognition discussed were Board Members, Friends, Volunteers who contributed significant time and effort to the support of the facility. Ann may have a list of names that she compiled for the Centennial event. It is important that we don't miss anyone who was significant in the Library's history, including members of the African American community who were excluded from the library until the 70's but were very active in the Library Community efforts after that time. **Notices soliciting names from the community will be posted on both the Town and the Library Websites. A target date of May was set** to have a comprehensive list compiled.

Town Read: Forty-four books were nominated. Two quickly bubbled to the top of the list in a tie; *Beloved* and *Killers of the Flower Moon*. A tie-breaking vote was held among all who had nominated any title and *Killers of the Flower Moon* was the final selection. Reading should take place between now and mid-February. It has not yet been decided whether we will have a live Civic Center discussion or whether we will use Zoom as was done last year.

Moving Forward

Internships Rich contacted Dr. Burns at ODU Master of Library and Information Sciences program once again. She provided access to the Internship Handbook for that program. This was shared with Ann. No further word from Dr. Burns.

Student Book Reviews Broadwater teacher indicated that students would be interested. Dianne contacted Northampton High English Department Chair who will promote the idea at an upcoming Department Meeting. Roger asked about recognition for the students. Board generally agreed that Service-Learning Hours would be appropriate. (Note from Dianne after the meeting: Broadwater uses "Service Learning Hours," Northampton High uses "Community Service Hours.") There was discussion about use of full student names on our website. We will have to check into Schools' policies about posting student names on the internet. Also discussed reaching out to home-school population and the elementary schools.

Library Nuggets

We have two new books re the history of the Rosenwald Schools across the nation.

Make and Take bags are available. (You can make a penguin!)

NASA has provided bags with space science information, brochures, and activity sheets for children.

Roger expressed his appreciation of Ann and Sharon for their support of the Town-Wide Read.

Ann will investigate various ways to get more copies of *Killers of the Flower Moon*.

Library has free Covid home-test kits provided by the Department of Health.

Recent statistics released by the Eastern Shore Library System shows that Cape Charles Library had far and away the highest WiFi use of any library in the system.

Our January meeting will focus on the Town and Library Strategic Plans.

Roger moved to adjourn. Dianne and Karen seconded.

Sincerely submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa T. Gomez".

Lisa Gomez, Secretary