

**Wicomico Public Libraries
Board of Trustees Bimonthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 4:p.m.**

In Attendance: Audrey Orr, Farah Yahya, Chip Dashiell, Esq., Pattie Tingle, Maida Finch, PhD, and David Quillen, Architect

Staff in Attendance: Seth Hershberger, Melissa Howe, Aurelio Giannitti, Laura Toner and Bobbi Schreiber

Attending on Zoom: Michele Schlehofer, PhD, Brian Bergen-Aurand, PhD, Michele Gregory, City Council, Cheryl Nardiello

Mr. Dashiell announced that Ms. Karen Treber has opted to resign from the Board due to a potential conflict because of the fact that she is Counsel for Salisbury University.

Previous Minutes: Ms. Yahya made a **Motion** that the minutes of the **December meeting** be approved. Dr. Finch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

David Quillen, the architect that is working on the **Parsonsborg Project**, explained the plans in great detail and shared drawings of the various areas of the new Library.

Reports: Mr. Dashiell went through the **Consent Agenda Reports: Donations, Usage & Programming and Grants/Outreach Reports** asking if there were any questions on each, individual report. Ms. Tingle made a **Motion** to approve the **Consent Agenda**; it was seconded by Ms. Orr and was passed. Ms. Yahya expanded on the **Friend's Report** and gave some details on the Friends' work with Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Schlehofer explained **EDI Committee/CML Report**, and Ms. Orr gave an update on the activities of the **Nominating Committee** which includes Mr. Dashiell, Dr. Canopii, Ms. Orr and Seth. There are three positions to fill for fiscal year 2025 and they are in the process of putting the application on line. The deadline for receipt of the applications is April first. Seth delivered the **Director's Report** and Cheryl explained the **Assistant Director's Report & the Financial Report**. Dr. Bergen-Aurand brought a **Motion** to approve the **Financial Report**; it was seconded by Ms. Yahya and approved by all. There was no **County Council** report as Shane Baker was unable to attend the meeting. Michele Gregory, **City Council Member**, shared that the Flowbird system has been implemented in the parking garage with very few hiccups and the city is working on installing bike lanes to make it easier for bikers to get around downtown.

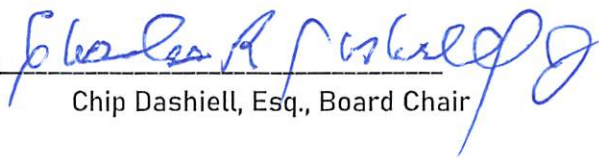
New Business: It was announced that the meeting in June will be on the 25th, rather than the 18th of the month. Ms. Orr brought a **Motion** to approve the first reading of the **Budget for Fiscal Year 2025**. Dr. Finch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Yahya brought a **Motion** to approve the MOU regarding the locker in Bivalve; it was seconded by Ms. Tingle and was approved. Ms. Tingle Brought a **Motion** to approve the **Friends Foundation By-Laws**. It was seconded by Ms. Orr and approved unanimously. There was some discussion of the **Freedom to Read Bill** that is working its way through the Maryland State Legislature. The MLA conference is May eighth through the tenth in Cambridge and the Library has the funds for quite a few people to go. We also have

staff members that are doing presentations and the Board members are welcome to attend.

Dr. Finch brought a **Motion** that the **meeting be adjourned** to go into an Executive Session, at 6:05 pm. Ms. Yahya seconded the motion and it was approved. The **Executive Session** is closed pursuant to § 3-305(b)(3) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland "consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition."

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Chip Dashiell, Esq., Board Chair

