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Joint Retreat

Library Board and Library of Virginia Foundation Board

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Conference Rooms A - C

12:00 – 4:00 pm

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A joint retreat of the members of the Library Board and the Library of Virginia Foundation Board was held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, in the conference rooms on the main floor of the Library. Library Board members in attendance were: C. Paul Brockwell Jr.(chair), Robert Aguirre, Laura L.L. Blevins, Peter E. Broadbent Jr., L. Preston Bryant Jr., Suzette Denslow, Barbara Vines Little, Lana Real, Leonard Tengco, and Blythe Ann Scott. Foundation Board members attending were Pia Trigiani (chair), Corynne Arnett, Wendy Auerbach, Jack Catlett, BK Fulton, Carol Hampton, Julia Marsden, Joseph Papa, Brad Parks, Lynn Rainville (via telephone), Shareef Tahboub, Bessida Cauthorne White, Matt Williams, and Lara Wulff. Also participating in the retreat were Librarian of Virginia Sandra Treadway, and Executive Management Team members Vanessa Anderson, Nan Carmack, Paul Casalaspi, Scott Dodson, Angela Flagg, Daniel Hinderliter, Kathy Jordan, Gregg Kimball, and John Metz.

Welcome and Overview

Library Board chair Paul Brockwell and Foundation Board chair Pia Trigiani welcomed the two boards to the retreat and shared their thoughts about what they hoped the group would accomplish during the afternoon.

Update on Space Planning and SRC Expansion

Dan Hinderliter, the Library's Deputy for Finance and Administrative Services, and Scott Dodson, Executive Director of the Library of Virginia Foundation, provided an update on the planning process for reimagining and transforming the public spaces on the first and second floors of the Library building. Deputy for Collections and Programs John Metz then reported on the State Records Center (SRC) expansion project, which is currently on hold awaiting a project review by the state's Department of Engineering and Buildings, the final hurdle before the construction-drawing phase of the project can begin.

Breakout #1 – Thinking Big About the Library's Future

Board members divided into small groups to brainstorm on the Library's future, if funding, staffing, and other logistical limitations were no object. The key themes that emerged when the

five groups reported out were the importance of transforming the physical Library, especially the first floor, into a more vibrant, engaging, and visually appealing place; continuing and/or increasing our digitization efforts to open our collections to as many people as possible; offering a wide variety of programs that appeal to more general audiences including youth; and increasing our statewide reach so that we are seen and heard all across the state.

Breakout #2 – 2023 focused Table Topics

During the second portion of the retreat, Board members continued their small group discussions on five different topics relating to the Library upcoming 200th anniversary: Public engagement during the 200th anniversary; special events and programs during the anniversary year; statewide initiatives (including LVA On the Go); publicity, promotions, and branding; and partnerships and collaborations. The group generated a long list of ideas as well as potential projects and activities, which staff will review and prioritize for incorporation into agency planning for 2023.

The joint retreat adjourned at 4:07 p.m.