

MINUTES
THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The Library of Virginia

April 8, 2013

The Library Board met on Monday, April 8, 2013, in the Board Meeting Room of the Library of Virginia located at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

I. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM

Dr. Mark E. Emblidge, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

The following members were in attendance:

Mark E. Emblidge, Chair

Peter E. Broadbent Jr.

John S. DiYorio

Valerie Jean Mayo

Su Yong Min

Kathryn C. Watkins

Carole Weinstein

Robert Chambliss Light Jr.

Ernestine Middleton

Board members Jon Bowerbank, Patricia Thomas Evans, Mark D. Romer and Emily O'Quinn were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Peter E. Broadbent Jr. moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Su Yong Min. The Board approved the agenda with a unanimous vote.

III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND STAFF

Dr. Emblidge welcomed visitors and staff who were present.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no announcements or public comment.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

• **Approval of the Library Board Minutes**

Ms. Carole Weinstein thanked Ms. Bethany Wolfe for taking the minutes for all Board meetings and creating a face-book of sorts of the Board and staff for inclusion in the Board packets. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the

September 24, 2012, Board meeting upon a motion made by Ms. Weinstein and seconded by Dr. John S. DiYorio.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Reports of Other Organizations

Mr. Conley Edwards reported that the Friends of the Virginia State Archives held its annual Straight to the Source program at the Library of Virginia on March 22, and it had 59 attendees. Mr. Edwards thanked Library staff for their participation in the program. He announced that the Friends' next program, the Annual Richard Slatten Lecture, would be held on September 28 at the Library. Lastly, Mr. Edwards presented a gift in the amount of \$1,000 to the Library of Virginia Foundation in honor of two long-time Friends board members, Anne Taylor Brown and Harriette Thorne Kent.

Mr. Broadbent reported on behalf of the Virginia Genealogical Society that it will be holding its spring conference in Richmond on April 19 – 20.

B. Committee/Division Reports

- **Archival, Collections, and Records Management Committee**

Mr. Broadbent deferred to Dr. John Metz to present the committee report. Dr. Metz reported that Ms. Anita Vannucci presented an update to the committee regarding the Local Government Mandate Work Group, which is studying mandates that may be unnecessarily burdensome to localities. One of the mandates under review was the Library's local records retention requirements. The Library formed a group to study and collect feedback from particular localities regarding their experience with the mandate. The group's work and reporting has been held up by the Governor's Taskforce as an exemplary model for conducting the mandate review. The group continues to work on making the mandate easier to implement.

Dr. Metz added that the Library acquired the Samuel Boush map of Norfolk dated 1762, which is an exciting addition to the Library's map collection. The map was donated by Helen Elizabeth "Bee" McCleod and her husband John Goodenow "Goody" Tyler with the kind assistance of the Special Collections Librarians at the College of William & Mary.

- **Education, Outreach, and Research Services Committee**

Dr. DiYorio deferred to Dr. Gregg Kimball to give the committee report. Dr. Kimball reported on the Genealogical Stakeholders Summit, which was an event the Library held with specific individuals who represent many of the genealogical groups and researchers who patron the Library. The purpose of the Summit was

to find out which of the Library's programs they find most helpful. The event was extremely useful in providing direction for the Library based on the population of people who are most interested in its collections.

Dr. Kimball also announced the Library's publication of *Changing History: Virginia Women through Four Centuries*, which tells the important and compelling stories of women who have influenced the course of history in Virginia.

- **Legislative and Finance Committee**

Dr. Emblidge deferred to Ms. Connie Warne to give the committee report. Ms. Warne stated that the Library received from the General Assembly in its budget \$100,000 in funding for a state art curator position, as well as \$450,000 to increase state aid to local public libraries. Additionally, \$2 million of capital outlay funding was set aside for the Library's use for things like shelving, security, and electronic server needs.

Ms. Warne also reviewed with the Board the financial report contained in their Board packets. Ms. Weinstein asked that future financial reports be condensed to one page to make it easier to read.

Dr. Sandra Treadway stated that over the summer, the Library would like to lay the groundwork with members of the General Assembly and individuals in House Appropriations, Senate Finance and the Department of Planning and Budget as the Library prepares to make significant modifications to the building. She asked that the Board be thinking about people they may know or have connections with who they could contact regarding the Library's future plans.

- **Public Library Development Committee**

Ms. Ernestine Middleton reported to the Board that there are about 15 local public libraries who have requested waivers for state aid. The committee will be meeting in the near future to review the waiver requests. Ms. Middleton deferred to Ms. Carol Adams to give the rest of the committee report. Ms. Adams reported that LSTA funding has been impacted due to cuts in the federal budget, which has translated into a 5% reduction in LSTA funding for the Library.

- **The Library of Virginia Foundation Committee**

Ms. Weinstein gave the report of the Foundation committee. She implored the Board to support the Library and the Foundation by becoming a sustaining member of the annual fund. Ms. Weinstein also dispersed gifts to Board members from the Virginia Shop, and reminded them to visit the Shop and pick up a few items every time they are at the Library. Ms. Weinstein reviewed with the Board the different ways they can support the Library and Foundation, including

adopting a collection piece for conservation and joining the Foundation for day trip programs.

- **Nominating Committee**

Ms. Kathryn C. Watkins reported that Dr. Emblidge was nominated for the position of Library Board chair and Mr. Broadbent was nominated for the position of vice chair. Both Dr. Emblidge and Mr. Broadbent accepted the nominations. The three nominees for the Executive Committee are Mr. Robert Chambliss Light Jr., Ms. Middleton, Ms. Weinstein, and Ms. Watkins. The nominees will be voted on by the full Board at the June meeting.

C. Report of the Librarian of Virginia

Dr. Treadway discussed the status of the Library Board, as it has lost two members and is anticipating the expiration of three members' terms this year. She will be reminding the Secretary of Education's office of the vacancies and hopes that all of them will be filled not long after the terms have expired.

Dr. Treadway directed the Board to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* article regarding the damage to the books in the Library. She reassured the Board that the Library has made changes to the number of people who have access to the areas where the damage is occurring, and stated that staff and Capitol Police are working together to catch whomever is causing the damage.

Dr. Treadway reported that the Library made several position requests to the Governor's office, and is hopeful that the Governor will approve filling the positions.

Dr. Treadway informed the Board that she was able to personally deliver to Ms. Meyera E. Oberndorf, former Board chair, the resolution that the Board approved for her sake at its previous meeting. Dr. Treadway also represented the Board at Board member Mr. Clifton A. Woodrum III's funeral.

Dr. Treadway reported to the Board that the Space Planning Committee met and narrowed the pool of possible architectural firms to four. The committee met with the four firms at different times, and Dr. Treadway expressed her excitement and confidence in the talent of the firms. The committee then unanimously narrowed the pool to two firms, and the firms were asked to submit a formal proposal in writing. The proposals have been received, and will be distributed to the committee, which will meet again on April 10 to select the final firm. She invited any interested Board members to attend the session on April 10.

Dr. Treadway recounted for the Board an event to honor Mr. Earl Hamner in the General Assembly, as well as the Virginia Women in History event held at the Library.

D. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Dr. Emblidge read the following resolution on behalf of Clifton A. Woodrum III:

WHEREAS Clifton A. “Chip” Woodrum III, who exemplified all that is honorable and good in a public servant, died on February 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS a respected attorney and dedicated community leader, Chip Woodrum was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1979 and served the residents of what is today the 11th District with great distinction for 24 years; and

WHEREAS he was appointed to the Library Board in 2004 by Governor Mark Warner and reappointed in 2009 by Governor Tim Kaine; and

WHEREAS he served as chair of the Library Board from July 2011 through June 2012; and

WHEREAS he offered the Board the inestimable benefit of his sound judgment, his principled and pragmatic style, his expertise, and uncommon ability on a number of crucial issues; and

WHEREAS his sense of history, intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the General Assembly, and keen intelligence made him an effective leader of the Library Board; and

WHEREAS his wit, love of literature and history, and passion for service made him a good and decent man and a dear friend to many, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Library Board on this the 8th day of April 2013 that we recognize Chip Woodrum for his unwavering service to the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be given to the family of Clifton A. “Chip” Woodrum III as a token of the Board’s gratitude for his service to the Library Board and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Middleton moved for approval of the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Weinstein. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

VII. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cassandra Farrell presented to the Board the Boush map that was acquired by the Library.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:10 pm.