MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY FREE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM,
ALICE VIRGINIA & DAVID W. FLETCHER BRANCH
May 9, 2018

Present:   John Schnebly, President
           Ellie Doub
           Al Martin
           Katherine Oliver
           Kathleen Poole via Conference Call
           Greg Snook
           George Stone
           Margaret Trader

Board Absent:

Staff Present:   Mary Baykan
                Kathleen O’Connell
                Sara McCall

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by the President, Mr. Schnebly. Ms. Poole attended by conference call.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees and the executive session were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Stone; seconded by Ms. Oliver and unanimously carried.

Director’s Report

We are awaiting the county and city of Hagerstown to legally finalize the budget. The county public budget hearing scheduled for May 15, 2018 in Kepler Theater at Hagerstown Community College. We are scheduled for a budget increase of around $92,650, a healthy increase. There were budget concerns based on a newspaper article printed in the Herald Mail regarding the County Commissioners looking for ways to fund increased security at public schools. An inquiry was made by a County Commissioner to take funds from the library and other county funded entities. Follow up information indicates the necessary funding will come from the sale of school properties, not from the library or other county funded entities.

In July 2018, we will present fiscal year 2019 budget addendums to the board for final approval. Addendums adjust the budget to legally reflect funds budgeted to the library from the State, county and City of Hagerstown.

The General Assembly session was quiet for Libraries, creating a lateral impact on Library budgets. Consequently, when the new fiscal budget processed through the governor, libraries
were not mentioned or touched. The Kirwin commission returned with recommendations that will impact future budget years.

HB 136 was withdrawn by the sponsors after it received an unfavorable response. This was going to allow local government to appoint library board members in St. Mary’s county.

Mr. Snook advised the Town of Williamsport has not applied for the grant to fund land acquisition. The board appreciated the update and will continue to look into opportunities for the Williamsport branch due to the deteriorating building status.

The annual Trivia Night fundraiser was a great hit, generating close to $9,000. Mr. Schnebly recommended sending out “Save the Date” cards to increase attendance.

Ms. Baykan attended the mid-year ALA conference and the MLA conference. At the MLA conference she conducted a pre-conference session on succession planning. The sessions included the importance of training the next generation.

Ms. Baykan stated Ms. Wishard retires the end of June and Ms. Sarah Hull has been mentored by Ms. Wishard to take over her position upon retiring. The fundraiser was under Ms. Hull’s management and direction with Ms. Wishard’s guidance. A farewell luncheon for Ms. Wishard will be on June 7, 2018.

**Assistant Director’s Report**

The Longest Table, a Choose Civility program, is an open community conversation from a cross-section of the community over a meal is scheduled for June 16, 2018. The program includes facilitators to guide the conversation and take notes. Participants can make notes on the table runners or in notebooks. The program is grant sponsored, however; does not include food. Sponsorships covered the cost of the food. The United Way wants accountability from the program to follow into the communities.

Ms. O’Connell met with the Board of Education regarding RAILcards.

**Associate Director, WMRL**

WMRL received an ALA grant of $3,500 for the Tri-County Summit speaker.

**Financial Statement**

Mr. Martin reviewed both the WCFL and the WMRL financial statements of March 2018.

Mr. Snook moved and Ms. Oliver seconded to accept the financial statements for audit. This motion was approved unanimously.
Old Business

Hancock Update

The building is under roof. Mr. Stone attended the weekly planning meeting on May 8, 2018 and reported the discussion focused on the roof.

Policy Review

The board received policies via email to review. Mr. Snook motioned to accept the policies as presented and seconded by Ms. Trader. This motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

The board will receive a copy of the book “Library on Wheels, Mary Lemist Titcomb and America’s First Bookmobile” by Sharlee Glenn. Ms. Glenn conducted research through us and included pictures from our archives.

Executive Session

Please see separate notes from Executive Session.

Board Comments

Ms. Trader wanted to thank the staff for their input on the policies. Their input was invaluable.

Mr. Martin said we should be very pleased to be part of a great library system in the state.

Mr. Snook advised to touch base with the City of Hagerstown prior to committing to programming with the construction projects on South Potomac St over the next two years. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 with a motion from Ms. Doub and seconded by Mr. Martin.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 12:00 noon, Board Room, Administrative Office, Alice Virginia & David W. Fletcher Branch.