

**Cape Charles Memorial Library  
201 Mason Avenue  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
5 -6 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Endorsement of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the February 2019 Minutes**
- 5. Old Business**
  - **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Events Update**
  - **Scholarship**
- 6. New Business**

**Joint meeting of the CCML Board and the friends will be rescheduled for  
April 10- at CCML Library**

**2018 ALA Resolution Annual Conference-Ann**

**Monthly Report and Statistics**

- 7. Parting Shots**
- 8. Adjournment**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**The mission of the Cape Charles Memorial Library is to inspire lifelong learning, advance  
knowledge and strengthen our community.**

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March 13, 2019, meeting

**CAPE CHARLES MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JANARY 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Cape Charles Memorial Library Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairman, Karen Mahaffey, at 5 pm. Board members present were, Chris Bannon, Dianne Davis, Cathy Fox, Roger Moyer and Ann Rutledge. Also present Larry DiRe, Town Manager.

Public comments by Roger Moyer noted a beautiful sunset this evening.

The agenda was approved by Dianne Davis, seconded by Chris Bannon.

The minutes were approved with corrections by Dianne Davis, seconded by Roger Moyer.

**Old Business**

Update on Odor Concern

Larry DiRe consulted with Ted Newberry of Virginia Foundations. This meeting revealed that the sump pit needs to be replaced, a \$9,600 repair cost. There is a serious moisture problem in the basement. Previous bricks that were sealed are now weeping. The moisture studies revealed no mold from the basement. The odor is coming from sewage gas which is methane based. Mr. Newberry suggested calling a plumber. There was a blanket recommendation to make the sump pit repair and call Ben Franklin plumbing to fix the odor. It was also recommended that after the plumbing works, the carpets should be cleaned. Larry DiRe was thanked for his efforts.

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Events Update

Roger Moyer reported that the December 7<sup>th</sup> children's event at the library went well with 225 people in attendance. The next segment is the celebration Fridays on the second Friday of each month. Jeanette Treadmill Darnell will be the next speaker event on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Roger reported that Peggy and Carolyn have done a great job.

Jen Lewis is working with school counselors on the scholarship for the essay contest. \$25 gift certificates will be awarded for winners on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm during the movie viewing of the "Magnificent Ambersons."

The committee is still working on the Governors visit for the June event and will check on Bloxom's and Lewis's availability for this event as well.

Scholarship

Dianne Davis will head the scholarship committee again this year. The award is set for \$2,000. The committee will ask the Friends for \$3,000.

## **New Business**

### Monthly Report

Ann reported that all numbers are up. Councilman Paul Grossman suggested a monthly statistic report. Ann spoke with Larry DiRe about adding Sharon Silvey full time. She also spoke with Larry about making the kitchen area into a conference room.

### New Model Discussion

Karen Mahaffey discussed having a backup for the Chairman and secretary position on the board. After some discussion, the Board decided to add this item to the next Board meeting agenda.

## **Parting Shots**

Cathy mentioned better board engagement.

Roger asked the Board to come to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

At 6:01 pm, as time was of the essence, Dianne Davis moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris Bannon.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Mahaffey, Chairman

Cathy Fox, Member

**2017-2018 ALA CD#41\_62118\_ACT**  
**2018 ALA Annual Conference**

**Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation**

Whereas the system of “Jim Crow” laws and customs officially existed into the 1960s—a century after the official end of slavery in the United States;<sup>1 2</sup>

Whereas virulent racism, disenfranchisement, Black Codes, and racial segregation laws imposed a rigid system of officially sanctioned racial segregation in virtually all areas of life, including access to public libraries;<sup>1 2</sup>

Whereas, despite the work of African American librarians, including but not limited to Clara Stanton Jones, E.J. Josey, Albert P. Marshall and Virginia Lacy Jones, and the allies who stood with them to fight segregation, a large majority of the nation’s library community failed to address the injustices of segregated library services until the 1960s;<sup>3 4 5</sup>

Whereas, in many cases the American Library Association participated, both passively and actively, in the disenfranchisement of African American librarians, depriving them of the resources of professional association;

Whereas the American Library Association continued to accept segregated public libraries as members into the 1960s;<sup>3 4 5</sup>

Whereas the American Library Association filed no amicus curiae briefs in any of the local, state, and national lawsuits filed in the 1950s and 1960s to desegregate public libraries;<sup>3</sup>

Whereas the nation’s library press reported nothing about the 1939 Alexandria (VA) Library sit-in by five young African Americans that took place two months after the American Library Association passed a Library Bill of Rights;<sup>3</sup>

Whereas a sincere and heartfelt apology is an important and necessary first step in the process of reconciliation;

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<sup>1</sup> United States. Cong. House. Apologizing for the Enslavement and Racial Segregation of African-Americans. 110th Cong. 2nd sess. H. Res. 194. (2007-2008). 154 Cong. Rec. H7224. Washington: GPO, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> United States. Cong. Senate. Apologizing for the Enslavement and Racial Segregation of African-Americans. 111th Cong. 1st sess. S. Res. 26. (2009-2010). 155 Cong. Rec. S6761. Washington: GPO, 2009.

<sup>3</sup> Shirley A. Wiegand and Wayne A. Wiegand, *The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South: Civil Rights and Local Activism*, (Baton Rouge, 2018), LSU Press.

<sup>4</sup> John Mark Tucker, *Untold Stories: Civil Liberties, Libraries, and Black Librarianship*, (Champaign, IL, 1998), Publications Office, Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

<sup>5</sup> Cheryl Knott, *Not Free, Not for All*, (Amherst, 2015), University of Massachusetts Press.

## **Resolution to Honor African Americans Who Fought Library Segregation/2**

Whereas an apology for decades of injustices cannot erase the past, but a recognition of the wrongs committed and injustices ignored can help the nation's library community confront the ghosts of its past: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Library Association

(1) Acknowledges the fundamental injustice, cruelty, and inhumanity of racially segregated libraries;

(2) Apologizes to African Americans for wrongs committed against them in segregated public libraries;

(3) Commends African Americans who risked their lives to integrate public libraries for their bravery and courage in challenging segregation in public libraries and in forcing public libraries to live up to the rhetoric of their ideals;

(4) Welcomes all African Americans to libraries, recognizing in particular those who were forced to use segregated libraries;

(5) Encourages libraries to defend, in their policies and in their actions, the *ALA Code of Ethics* principle 1 – "We provide the highest level of service to all library users through appropriate and usefully organized resources; equitable access; and accurate, unbiased, and courteous responses to all requests;"<sup>6</sup>

(6) Will review policy documents and internal procedures to ensure Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles are reflected throughout, and;

(7) And be it further resolved that this resolution be printed in full in *American Libraries* and publicized widely via all media channels.

Mover: Sara Dallas, ALA Councilor-at-Large

Seconder: Jessica J. Schomberg, Councilor-at-Large

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<sup>6</sup> Code of Ethics of the American Library Association.