

**Cape Charles Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
5 - 6 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**

- 2. Public Comments**

- 3. Endorsement of the Agenda**

- 4. Approval of the April Joint Meeting 2019 Minutes**

- 5. Old Business**
 - **100th Anniversary Year Events Update**
 - **Scholarship**

- 6. New Business**
 - **Town Manager- Library update**
 - **100th Anniversary expenditure**
 - **Volunteer hours**
 - **Monthly Report and Statistics**
 - **Plague**

- 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.

Please email karen.mahaffy3@gmail.com if you will be unable to attend this
May 8 2019, meeting

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Cape Charles, Virginia
Wednesday, March 13, 2019
5 PM**

**The mission of the Cape Charles Memorial Library is to inspire lifelong learning,
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Board Members Present: Dianne Davis, Cathy Fox, Karen Mahaffy, Roger Moyer, Ellen O'Brien, Ann Rutledge, Sharon Silvey, and Nancy Vest.

Our Chairperson, Karen Mahaffy, called the meeting to order.

There were no public comments. The Agenda was presented. Nancy Vest asked to add a discussion about the appropriateness of the memorial plaque displayed in the Library. Ms. Mahaffy stated that Mr. Bannon had requested to be present during such a discussion and that this topic would be deferred until he could be in attendance.

The February CCML Board meeting minutes were presented and approved. Karen Mahaffy stated how much the Board appreciated the help of the Town Manager and his willingness to work with the Library. She will write a thank you note to him expressing the Board's appreciation of his help with continuing building issues.

Old Business:

A new sump pump was installed but the smell still exists. The Town is continuing to work on this issue.

On February 22, Library Assistant Bobby Harmon gave an excellent presentation on the life of Frances Bibbins Latimer. There were 49 people in attendance. Some attendees had never before visited our Library, including one person from Philadelphia. The Board is very grateful to Mr. Harmon for his work on this presentation.

On March 8, Etta Kaye Pruitt headlined "Celebration Friday" with her memories of the Library. Ms. Pruitt is a long time advocate of the Library and helped convince the Town to keep the library open during some difficult financial times. She worked with the Town and enlisted a group of volunteers to keep the Library running. The people of Cape Charles continue to be grateful for her efforts.

Three of the six "Celebration Friday" events are now complete and there are three more planned.

Mr. Moyer reported that the Town Wide Read and accompanying movie were well received. He suggested that the Library sponsor a Town Wide Read each year.

Mr. Moyer expressed disappointment that the Director of the Eastern Shore Public Library has forgotten her agreement to assist with the June 22, 2020, anniversary event. Ann Rutledge stated that it is not possible for either her or Ms. Burton to be in attendance as it is the date of the American Library Association Convention in Washington, D.C.

The Anniversary Committee is still seeking a speaker for the June event. Ann Holton, former Virginia Secretary of Education and wife of Tim Kane, was offered as a suggestion. Nancy Vest stated that as women created the Library, it would be nice to have a woman be the speaker at this event.

Dianne Davis and Ann Rutledge attended Scholarship Day at Northampton High School. They gave out applications for the Cape Charles Library Scholarship and spoke to students about how to prepare their applications. Scholarship applications are due on April 9, 2019. Ms. Davis and Ms. Rutledge stated that the event was nicely done.

The Library received a thank you note from Jada A. Smith, the recipient of the 2018 scholarship. Ms. Smith expressed her gratitude and stated that she had earned a 3.8 grade point average. The Board is very proud of her.

New Business:

The Joint Meeting of the CCML Board and the Friends of the Library will be rescheduled for April 10 at the Cape Charles Memorial Library.

Ann Rutledge presented the Board with the Joint Resolution from the American Library Association Task Force on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice. A copy of this resolution is attached to the minutes.

There was an issue with the Library Telephone that was resolved by Bay Creek Communications.

Ms. Rutledge and Sharon Silvey will continue to do community outreach. Ms. Silvey visited Kiptopeke Elementary School recently to do a poetry program. April is National Poetry Month.

The Lego Club will resume in April.

Bobby Harmon is willing to help form a Chess Club if there is community interest.

A patron has expressed a desire for the Library to host a Writer's Group.

Mary Barrow will hold a weekly writing class beginning on May 16 and concluding on June 27.

Planning is underway for summer programs. The theme will be “A Universe of Stories.” There will be many wonderful opportunities including “Yoga for Littles,” storytellers, plays, and a visit from the Virginia Living History Museum. An astrologist will present a program for adults and a separate program for “tweens.”

Ms. Rutledge thanked Frank and Emily Cullin for offering computer help to patrons. She also thanked Roger Moyer, Chris Bannon, Cathy Fox, Dianne Davis, and Mary Beth Eye for volunteering to help cover the Library.

Dianne Davis thanked Ms. Rutledge and Ms. Silvey for all they do.

Parting Shots:

Mr. Moyer stated that he feels that this year’s Town Wide Read and movie brought people together. He suggests that the library sponsor this again in 2020. He has begun researching Pulitzer Prize winning books that have been made into movies.

Ms. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy Fox seconded.

Chair Karen Mahaffy

Secretary Nancy Daniel Vest

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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;^{1 2}

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;^{1 2}

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;^{3 4 5}

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;^{3 4 5}

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;³

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;³

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

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 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

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

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

- (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;”⁶
- (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

⁶ Code of Ethics of the American Library Association.

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Seconders:

Trevor A. Dawes, ALA Executive Board, At-Large
Aaron Dobbs, LITA
Martin Garnar, IFRT
Eboni M. Henry, At-Large
Sonia Alcantara-Antoine, At-Large
Oscar Baeza, At-Large
Matt Beckstrom, Montana
Gladys Smiley Bell, At-Large
Kathy Carroll, At-Large
Stephanie Chase, PLA
Virginia Alexander Cononie, South Carolina
Roberto Delgadillo, At-Large
Karen E. Downing, ALA Executive Board
Emily Drabinski, At-Large
Vicki M. Emery, At-Large
Jennifer Ferriss, New York
Erica Findley, At-Large
Elizabeth Fox, South Dakota
Ed Garcia, At-Large
Selina Gomez-Beloz, At-Large
Mario M. Gonzales, At-Large
Mel Gooch, At-Large
Terri Grief, At Large
Dorcas Hand, At-Large
Megan Hodge, At-Large
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Jennifer Jamison, At-Large
Sara Kelly Johns, At-Large
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Janice Welburn, At-Large

Endorsers

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)

Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS)
Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC)
Library and Information Technology Association (LITA)
Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA)
Public Library Association (PLA)
Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)
United for Libraries (Trustees, Friends, Foundations)
Young Adult Library Services (YALSA)
American Indian Library Association
Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services
Asian/Pacific American Librarians Association (APALA)
Black Caucus of ALA
Chinese American Librarians Association
Joint Conference of Librarians of Color

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Arkansas Library Association
Arizona Library Association
Colorado Association of Libraries
Connecticut Library Association
District of Columbia Library Association
Hawaii Library Association
Idaho Library Association
Illinois Library Association
Michigan Library Association
Minnesota Library Association
Mississippi Library Association
Missouri Library Association
Nebraska Library Association
New Hampshire Library Association
New Jersey Library Association
New Mexico Library Association
New York Library Association
North Carolina Library Association
Ohio Library Council
Pennsylvania Library Association
Rhode Island Library Association
South Carolina Library Association
Utah Library Association
Virginia Library Association
Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
Federal and Armed Forces Libraries (FAFLRT)
Intellectual Freedom Roundtable (IFRT)
International Relations Round Table (IRRT)
Games and Gaming Round Table (GAMERT)
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table (GLBTRT)
Library History Round Table (LHRT)
Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT)
New Members Round Table (NMRT)
Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT)
Sustainability Roundtable (SustainRT)
ACRL – Professional Values Committee
ALA Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)
ALA Committee on Diversity
Chapter Relations Committee
Wayne Wiegand, ALA Member – Resolution Working Group
LaJuan Pringle, ALA Member – Resolution Working Group
Nicole Shabazz, ALA Member – Resolution Working Group