

**Cape Charles Memorial Library
201 Mason Avenue
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, July10, 2019
5 - 6 PM**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Endorsement of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the June 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Old Business**
 - **Town Manager Larry Di Re- Update on actions of Town council, meeting on June 20th- CCML - Plaque – and board discussion**
 - **Report on June 22 Picnic in the Park =100th Anniversary Celebration- Roger Moyer**
 - **Bylaws and future September 2019 Trustees Handbook**
- 6. New Business**
 - **Summer Program expenditure requests**
 - **Monthly Report and Statistics**
 - **Secretary – volunteer to assume secretary position**
- 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 meeting

Cape Charles Memorial Library
201 Mason Ave
Board of Trustees
May 8, 2019 5:00 PM

Board Members present: Chris Bannon, Cathy Fox, Karen Mahaffy Roger Moyer Ann Rutledge, Sharon Silvey Town Manager Larry DiRe

Also attendance: Ted Shockley

Chairperson Mahaffy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm
There was no public comment

Board member Cathy Fox endorsed the agenda as presented.

There was discussion regarding announcing the Scholarship since board Member Davis who chaired the committee was absent. The Board agreed to announce the recipient. Elizabeth Reid will receive the \$2,000.00 Cape Charles Memorial Library Scholarship. Scholarship funds provided by Friends of the Cape Charles Memorial Library

There was a short discussion on Volunteer Hours and their use. Hopefully board member Davis will inform the Board of their use.

The 100th Anniversary committee is wrapping up the year with a bang. Eastern Shore artist Thelma Peterson will be at the Library on May 10th followed on May 11th at the Palace Theatre of Eric Hack with a program of Cape Charles Trivia. On Saturday June 22 from 12:30 pm to 2:30pm an old fashion town picnic will take over Central park with varied activities to close the year of celebration. In a coincident, the Citizens for Central park had scheduled the US Air Force Band for a concert in the Park at 7:PM

Town Manager DiRe reported on making the Library handicapped accessible with the installation of automatic doors. Also, the town is moving forward slowly with a plan to move the town hall to the upper floor with and elevator and a second stair case to the upper floors. The “Smell” is being addressed and the sealing of the rear of the building against the continued intrusion of moisture

Chairperson Mahaffy expressed concern of not having climate control in the storage area of the towns historical records. Beginning July 1 because of the increased tourism and lack of public facilities the Library will be opens seven days a week with Library associate Sharon Silvey will become full time and additional staff can be hired. There are changes in children programs. Lego is out children's yoga in Chess is in with staff member Bobbie Harmon teaching.

The World War1 Memorial Plaque celebrating the men who gave their lives in the war was the next topic of discussion. Board Member Fox expressed her dislike on separating the White and Colored deceased and thought it was demeaning to the Colored and racist. She brought documentation from the Virginia code that the plaque is not allowed to be moved to the new Library but should be displayed in the original library which is now our Civic Center and that she was willing to pursue litigation. Town Manager DeRi mentioned that he has been in contact with the towns legal counsel. Librarian Rutledge and Library staff member Silvey expressed they have not had any negative comments on the commemorative plaque. Board member Bannon said he wouldn't want see the plaque removed and the he would like to have staff member Harmon who assists Library patrons with their genealogy look into the names on the plaque and if family could be found, inform them of their family member is on the memorial which he thought most wouldn't have known.

Motion close made by Bannon second by Fox
Meeting closed at 6:14 pm

Volunteer Scribe

Chris Bannon

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Apr 28, 2019, 8:42 PM

to Karen.mahaffy3

Hi Karen,

I'm traveling to Chicago the evening of May 8th, and will not be able to make the library board meeting. I would like to be present for discussions regarding the plaque, but also feel this topic needs to be dealt with so we can move forward. For that reason, I'm not opposed to discussions occurring with out my presence, however, I would like to express that I believe the plaque should be relocated to the Cape Charles Historical Museum. In my opinion, the plaque is a reminder of a very painful time for black Americans.

The soldiers listed on the both plaques should be honored in a way that respects the soldiers service to the country during a time when the country they served, dishonored the soldiers of color.

The library should be an inclusive institution. A place where children and adults are welcomed, with out remnants and reminders of a shameful time in our countries history. We need to work every day to eliminate prejudice where ever it exists. I believe it's the responsibility of the library to set the example for the community.

Please take my thoughts and wishes into consideration during discussions Wednesday evening.

Feel free to read my message to the board.

Thanks very much,

With respect,

Ellen OBrien