

THE LIBRARY BOARD
The Library of Virginia
800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000

SUMMARY OF BOARD MINUTES
Library Board Meeting of September 21, 2009
Meeting Room 2M.020 (Floor 2M)

I. Call to Order/Quorum **John S. DiYorio**

John S. DiYorio, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m., acknowledged the presence of three new Board members: Cynthia V. Bailey, Jon Bowerbank, and Meyera E. Oberndorf, and announced there was a quorum present.

II. Approval of Agenda **The Board**

III. Welcome to Visitors and Staff **John S. DiYorio**

Dr. DiYorio welcomed Alison Page Landry, Assistant Attorney General, Clay Dishon, the reporter for the Virginia Library Association (VLA); Peter E. Broadbent Jr., representing the Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS); and Peter B. Schwartz, President of the Library of Virginia Foundation.

IV. Announcements

There were no announcements.

V. Public Comment

- *Dr. DiYorio called on Mr. Peter E. Broadbent, Jr., who reported the Friends of the Virginia State Archives will have the annual Slatten conference at the Library on November 7. The VGS will be having its upcoming fall conference in Winchester, October 10, with a variety of speakers focusing on migration issues. The annual conference will be at the Library next spring.*

Mr. Broadbent reported the VGS was successful in obtaining a \$9,500 grant for digitization from the National Park Service which was presented to the Library of Virginia. He stated the VGS is looking at further grant opportunities with the National Park Service that would potentially benefit the Library. Mr. Broadbent added that VGS will be making available a significant number of its published genealogical and historical books, free of charge, to the public library system in Virginia.

VI. Consent Agenda

- ***Approval of the Library Board Minutes of June 22, 2009***

A motion to accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes of the Library Board meeting on June 22, 2009, was made by Charles W. Sydnor, Jr.; seconded by Marc Leepson; and unanimously approved by the Board.

VII. Information Items

A. Reports of other Organizations

Dr. DiYorio acknowledged the Agenda had been followed out of order, but there were no reports from other organizations.

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the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation was looking for a new centerpiece for their new visitor's center, the cast statue was a perfect fit.

Mr. Metz shared with the Board that the Library had received a generous donation of the personal library of Edmund Flag whose land was developed into Tyson's Corner in northern Virginia. It is estimated the Library received 55 boxes holding thousands of volumes of papers, books, and ephemera, ranging from the 18th century into the 19th century.

● **Education, Outreach, and Research Services Committee** **Gregg D. Kimball**
Before he began his report Gregg D. Kimball, director of the Education and Outreach division, thanked Mr. Broadbent for his help in getting The National Park Service money through VGS.

Dr. Kimball shared some statistics involving the expanded electronic access in the reading rooms. With the recent economic downturn the demand for computer use has risen exponentially in the last year. With Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding in fiscal year 2009, 52 existing work stations are being replaced and 8 more workstations are being added. Already installed in the last month is a new Internet Management System (TDSIE) which has features (4.8 seconds to download) 76 (With a trend) 5.6 seconds - 2 days within mosito (trend at div) TJ38835 0 TD-.0001 Tc00094 Twfyg from the Reference desk. This news System provides information centralized

- **Public Library Development Committee**

Elizabeth M. Lewis

Dr. DiYorio called on Elizabeth M. Lewis, director of Library Development and Networking division, who introduced Kim Armentrout, the new public library consultant. Ms. Lewis called attention to the LSTA Grant Proposals 10/01/09 to 09/30/10 Budget Summary in the Board packets. She explained that the report format had been changed as directed by the LSTA staff. Ms. Lewis reviewed each item with an explanation. Marc Leepson moved to accept the LSTA Grant Proposals Budget, George E. Lovelace seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Ms. Lewis reported the Library hosted the annual public library directors meeting again this fall. Eighty-two percent of the public library systems were represented. The conference was well received and the speakers and presentations received high evaluations. The summer program and training is complete. Materials are being ordered and planning for the summer of 2011 has begun. Public library trustee workshops are scheduled for Amherst, Montgomery-Floyd, Culpeper, Portsmouth, and Loudoun County. The workshop at the Library of Virginia will be on October 7. Ms. Lewis reported the Library held a national conference for continuing education consultants and twenty-six states were represented.

- **The Library of Virginia Foundation Committee**

Mary Beth McIntire

Mary Beth McIntire reminded the Board of the 12th Annual Literary Awards Celebration on October 17. There will be an outstanding lineup of authors this year—John Grisham is receiving a lifetime achievement award, Adriana Trigiani is hosting again, and five Pulitzer Prize winners are among the finalists. Ms. McIntire pointed out that the Foundation relies on the generosity of the sponsors who help to underwrite this event and the event does raise money to provide support back to the Library. The Page Turner Society continues to grow and the names on the list are constantly being updated and will be reprinted and placed in the programs the night of the Awards.

Ms. McIntire shared with the Board that the Foundation is considering the proposal to

She said eight positions were cut and she shared the news of the senior staff who will be taking early retirement—the fiscal director, Ann Harris, the state archivist, Conley Edwards, and the head of Library Development, Libby Lewis. They will be leaving on November 1. The Executive Management Team will develop an operating plan to make sure that all areas will be covered and will be strongly managed as the Library moves forward.

E. Report of the Chair

John S. DiYorio

Dr. DiYorio reported that the Executive Committee met in the morning and appointed a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for office for next year. The committee will consist of Valerie Jean Mayo, Charles W. Sydnor, Jr., Carole M. Weinstein, and Clifton A. Woodrum III. The committee's report will be due to the Board at the March meeting and the vote will be in June. The Executive Committee also approved the Goals of the Librarian of Virginia for 2009-2010.

Dr. DiYorio stated that the major goal of the Board should be to become more active in contacting our legislators to let them know we are here, to let them know we appreciate everything they have done, and to be up front with them so that when and if the funds are restored we get our fare share. Dr. DiYorio then read a resolution for Valerie Jean Mayor to acknowledge her work and guidance as chair of the Library of Virginia Board and for her service to the commonwealth. The Board stood to acknowledge their acceptance of the resolution.

VIII. Old or New Business

There was no old or new business.

IX. Action Items

- **Approval of 2009–2010 LSTA Budget**

The budget had been approved during the Library and Development Committee meeting.

X. Adjournment

John S. DiYorio

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.