

Kent County Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Tuesday, December 15, 2016 Meeting

Present: Barbara Macbeth, President; Beverly Birkmire, Vice President; Wendy Costa, Secretary; Charles Lerner, Treasurer; Joseph Harding, Trustee; Sarah Schut, Trustee; Jaqueline Adams, Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was reviewed; no changes were made.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Jaqueline Adams introduced the new public services librarian: Cori Dulmage.

Wendy Costa reported that there were no relevant emails in the trustees' inbox.

Barbara Macbeth reviewed the final partnership meeting, which was held at Chester River Yacht and Country Club, and said that the consensus was that the library is flourishing. She thanked Joseph Harding for his report on 20/20. Ms. Adams thanked Ms. Macbeth for all three partnership meetings. She also expressed a wish that more emphasis had been placed on the impact that the Friends of the Library has had. Ms. Birkmire said that the structure of the Friends of the Library, with many memberships, is important. Joseph Harding said that he spoke with three attendees after the meeting and they did not learn anything new. Beverly Birkmire said that fundraising between the Friends and the Foundation needs coordination.

Ms. Macbeth addressed trustee recruitment. Charles Lerner said that one person withdrew an application and another individual applied but we did not receive the application

Ms. Macbeth said that the Commissioners approved our recommendations for new trustees, but it was a two to one vote because Mr. Pickrum opposed our recommendation, citing diversity concerns.

There was a short discussion, led by Ms. Macbeth, about trustee performance review.

Ms. Birkmire said that she has some old board correspondence; the consensus was to keep it.

Mr. Harding stated that the board's part on the library's website needs to be updated.

Trustees decided to hold a short meeting to elect new officers on January 12 at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Barbara K. Macbeth, president