Board Chair Roy Martin IV began the meeting at 8:45 AM

Roy Martin IV announced that the next Board of Trustees Meeting on July 16, 2019 will be held at the Chrysler Museum.

Roy Martin IV requested for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the May 21, 2019 meeting. Bert Schmidt motioned for approval, seconded by Ed Lazaron, none opposed. This was a celebratory meeting for Doris Johnson who retired with 60 years of service with the Norfolk Public Library and the City of Norfolk.

NEW BUSINESS:
Van Wyck – Lynn Cox

- Branch Manager Lynn Cox welcomed all to the Van Wyck Branch. Lynn distributed the PowerPoint presentation and reviewed each page
- Lynn began her career in the airlines industry 20 years, went back to school and transitioned to the library. Worked in the Government Docs and Inter-Library-Loan (ILL) department.
- Van Wyck is a diversified neighborhood and has a large Jewish community
- The Baby Garden Program is very popular due to Jennifer’s fabulous story time
- They do outreach and partnerships within the community
- Van Wyck circulation has gone up

OLD BUSINESS:
- The Richard A. Tucker Memorial Library is going through the funding process (HUD)

STAFF UPDATES:
Programming:
- Summer Reading Program (SRP) will start on June 29
- Eight branches have signed up for the NPL Summer Food Program, including Slover, which will also be serving breakfast
• Thanked the NPL Friends for their support on the Summer Reading Programs
• The prizes are awesome, gift cards from IKEA, Walmart and WAWA
• Complimented Dudley Colbert on the amazing Aretha Franklin concert at the Attucks theater. The entire theater audience were on their feet dancing, it was a great time
• Eric Carle exhibit now at the Chrysler Museum. The Board will see the exhibit at the next Board meeting.
• Gearing up for the Fall Program – Halloween, International Game Day and the Holiday season
• Working with the Norfolk Public Schools on the library application, to kick off in September

**Neighborhood Services and User Experience:**

• We have received several complaints on the “Drag Queen” program, which is now a nationwide Storytime event
• Working on the security issues at our branches. Some branches suggested adding a metal detector

**Training and Technology Update:**

• Core training Customer Service this month
• NPL will have a new website soon
• Working with the Larchmont branch manager on an art project. Interviewed 56 artist and narrowed to two

**Discussion with Board on the statistics, users are down 30%.”**

**Business and Fiscal Services:**

• We are in the process of ending the fiscal year, effective as of July 1. We have spent 98% of our budget for FY2019.
• We are closer to staying in the black
• Hired Sara Brooks for the Accounting Technician position
• Working with General Services on security guards for the branches (FY2021)
• Our budget is down to $12.4 million, Slover received $2.7 million

**Slover Library:**

• Distributed report to the board
• Developing Business Resource Center

◆ **FRIENDS UPDATE AND ADVOCACY**

Discussion on the Benedict article on the Virginian Pilot regarding the Slover Library. Requested the Board to consider having conversations with the community to help resolve the issues and concerns.

◆ **SLOVER FOUNDATION UPDATE:**

• Slover is full of events – Virginian Author
• Annual Board of Director’s meeting scheduled for February 25, 2020
• Distributed report
NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD:

- Superintended Boone has resigned.
- Will be processing a national search for a new superintendent

The meeting adjourned 9:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Tatiana D. Laird,
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Tuesday, June 18, 2019