# October 8, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Shannon Paul, Past President

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Rich Garafolo, President/Vice President

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Nicole Vandiford, Webmaster

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\*Christy Earp, District 3

Vacant, Advocacy Chair

Kris Brown, District 4

Alisha Webb, Awards Chair

Dana Glauner, District 5

Retha Hall, Nominations Officer

\*Tina Adams, District 6

Jenny Thomas, Archivist

#### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the August 7 and September 3 board meetings were approved.

Motion: Retha Hall Second: Alisha

Approved.

# **Old Business**

# **Bylaws Revision**

Discussion to revise the bylaws was put on hold due to many libraries being closed in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which affected most of western North Carolina. We will need to make sure the changes are made in time to complete the nomination process ahead of the conference. We will try to have this done and sent out along with nominations by November 1.

<sup>\*</sup>Unable to attend.

# **New Business**

## **Welcome New Membership Chair**

Carol Anne Hankinson from Roanoke-Chowan has agreed to serve as the Membership Chair; however, introductions were not possible as she was unable to attend today's meeting due to a last-minute issue. Rich has discussed possibilities for a membership drive with Carol Anne.

# **Scholarships**

Alisha shared information regarding the management of the Scottie Cox scholarship. Unlike the Mertys Bell, which is managed in house, the Scottie Cox scholarship is managed through the NC Foundation. They hold the funds and facilitate the application process. They require a minimum balance to remain active with the foundation, and we are getting close to that amount. Alisha asked the board whether we should continue as usual and award a scholarship for the 25-26 academic year or hold off and do a donation drive to increase the balance in the account.

Rich suggested we not award the scholarship for 25-26, which will give us time to do a donation drive, as well as to consider whether there is a need for this scholarship since we typically have only a few applicants.

Jenny Thomas will search the archives to look for information on the background of the scholarship, and Rich will reach out to recent retirees to see if he can get information, as well.

Alisha agreed to do a pitch for donations for the association's scholarships, especially the Scottie Cox.

Motion: Jenny Thomas made the motion to not award the Scottie Cox scholarship for 25-26. Second: Shannon Approved.

#### **Hurricane Helene Response**

Rich requested feedback on an email to send out to the membership regarding Hurricane Helene. Shannon asked if we wanted to use our Professional Development Grant money to cover the registration cost for the virtual conference for library staff from western North Carolina. Typically, two awards of up to \$200 each are given. However, we can break that down into more, smaller awards like what was done during COVID. With registration at \$35 for members, which would cover registration for eleven people.

Alisha will craft an email and send to Angela to send out to membership. Rich will also send an email to directors to share with all their staff since the email through MemberPlanet will only be sent to current members.

# **November/December Newsletter Announcements**

Please encourage submissions for the November/December newsletter. The deadline for receipt of submissions is October 31.

# **Conference Updates**

Nicole shared a mockup of the conference website. Reg is not currently open since presenters will have a different rate and we are still accepting proposals for presenting.

The deadline for submissions is November 15, and the committee has received six submissions to date. Retha sent the information to all library schools hoping to get submissions from those groups.

The conference software provides the opportunity for sponsors to add information to their page. The sponsorship page is not yet live.

# **Reports**

# • Treasurer's Report - Maria Saldarriaga Osorio

Not present. No report.

# Communications - Angela Davis

Not present. Rich shared her updates.

# • Webmaster - Nicole Vandiford

In addition to the conference updates, she has been updating the directory.

#### Awards - Alisha Webb

Nothing further to report.

# • Nominations - Retha Hall

Nothing to report.

# • Membership – Carol Anne Hankinson

Not present. Nothing to report.

### • DEI - Robert James

Working on the results from survey and preparing for the presentation at the conference.

# Archives - Jenny Thomas

Nothing to report.

#### • District 1 - Nathan Stancil

Not present. No report.

# • District 2 - Leigh Russell Not present. No report.

- **District 3 Christy Earp** Not present. No report.
- **District 4 Kris Brown**Nothing to report.
- **District 5 Dana Glauner** Nothing to report.
- District 6 Tina Adams
  Not present. Nothing to report.

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.