

Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
March 17, 2020, 11:00 am; Main Library

Members present: Dave Kraus, Joan McClung, Don Lundry

Members participating remotely consistent with Board policy: Beth Wilbanks, John Frey, Tina Kastan

Others present: Katie Hill, Michele Beamer, Michelle Pursel, Teri Frick

Approval of agenda: Accepted without objection

New Business:

1. Review and approve library policy/procedures for dealing with the COVID-19 virus

Update from Chairman Kraus: Monday morning Dave and Katie attended a briefing held by the Virginia Department of Health. This meeting did not include procedures that the county government would implement. Katie was told later that no county offices would be closed now and that, in order for the libraries to close, the Board of Trustees would have to make that decision. At the time of this trustees' special meeting, the majority of public libraries in Virginia had closed. Katie and her staff had developed a detailed plan consisting of 5 levels of readiness in regard to the virus. Already at Level 3, which involved "rigorous sanitation" and a threat level rated HIGH, Katie needed Board approval to move to Level 4 or 5 [library closure/reduced hours].

After much discussion, the Board decided to take immediate action placing the safety and well being of the library patrons and employees as the number one priority.

Motion by Kraus, second by McClung: “The Orange County Board of Library Trustees directs the Library Director to discontinue public access into all library buildings effective close of business March 18th thru April 4th. All library services will be suspended during this period, except for telephone and on-line services. The Board of Trustees will convene on April 1 to determine future library operations.” Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Orange County Public Library 5- level COVID-19 pandemic plan

Motion by Kraus, second by McClung. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman’s Report/ Comments/Announcements:

1. Cancellation of March 3 informal session.

The Board agreed without objection to cancel the March 19 informal gathering to discuss a strategy for presentations at the county budget hearing.

Adjournment without objection at 12:29 pm.

Next regular Board meeting: April 15, 2020, 4:00 pm, Wilderness Library