

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Monday

September 14, 2020 - 7:00pm (on Zoom (“MPL”))

Present: Trustees H.Crichlow, Raymond Czwakiel (Chairperson), P. Driscoll, John Folcarelli, Chiara Frenquellucci, Kristine Hodlin, James Potter, Sindu Meier, and Library Director, William Adamczyk

Absent: Paul Hays

Citizens Speak: NA

Secretary’s Report: Approval of June 2020 minutes. H. Crichlow motion to pass, J. Potter seconded. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report: See attached. P. Driscoll made a edit on the balance. K. Hodlin motion to pass, P. Driscoll seconded. Unanimously approved the edited version.

Reopening: going well. Still in Phase 4 of reopening plan. Open on Saturdays starting after Labor Day. Extended wi-fi so people can use picnic tables. Curbside down because people are coming in.

Proposing we open on Sundays starting October 2020.

Directors Report:

Greeter position – working with Friends to cover this position. Eventually move inside when weather turns

Green Communities Grant: replace and upgrade the Library lighting (\$81K) and (\$13K)

MBLC (\$1,000 grant on substance abuse). Sponsored a Play was online

Launched Library of Things

Most popular – wireless hot spots.

Let’s Stay Connected:

10,000 subscribed, 2-4,000 hits/week

National Archives – Womens History Display

Finance Committee:

Prudent Investor Article-

The Budget and Finance sub committee to discuss investing policy and present to the Board in October 2020 meeting.

Winter Special Town Meeting: December 7, 2020. Most likely Online. Fire Station Study and FY 2022 budget. Library Budget approved at \$1.5M.

Equity and Inclusion Updates: MLS Hiring a DEI consultant at the state level. Available to towns as a resource. Town may retain a DEI officer. Last summer, we won a PLA grant to hire a minority intern.

Library Inclusion Taskforce. Looking for opportunities with the Writer in Residence. Include effort to populate little libraries with Social Justice books

Kidder Building: The daycare lease has been extended until June 2021 due to Covid. Board is working on the RFP.

Summer Reading Program: 1,494 readers registered this summer. Tracking minutes – Over 1.2M minutes read.

Friends Committee: no report

Foundation update: Fall outreach to raise money and follow up with an electronic mailing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Capital Improvement Committee: J. Folcarelli to continue as the Library representative.

Writer in Residence: In process, collecting names for possible candidates.

Card to Mary Gormely and Mr. Jette: H. Crichlow to write up a card with R. Czwakiel.

Future Dates:

October 19, 2020
November 9, 2020
December 14, 2020

The motion to adjourn the meeting **Passed**, P. Driscoll and seconded by J. Potter. Approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sindu Meier
Secretary