

Board of Library Trustees

Minutes 4/26/2022

Present: Monika Brodsky (Chair), Jeanne Hagelstein-Ivas (Vice Chair), Kathryn Mudgett, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Sarah Cassidy, Rachel Breen (Director), Pam Achille

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Public Comments: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2022 minutes approved.

Director's Report: There were 6,400 walk-in visits to the library and over 6,200 items circulated in March. 20 Museum passes were used and the Study rooms were used 297 hours. The Library offered in person programs for adults, teens, and children, including book and movie discussion groups, Tai Chi, movie night, an author talk, learn ukulele for Kids and Teens, Teen Dinner and a Movie with Norwell High School, Little Bee Yoga, Music & Movement with Jessica, a Take & Make craft, a Peace Birds Craft in the Children's studio, and many others.

Community events included the Bruins PJ Drive, the Tiny Art Show for Kids & Teens, Wee the People Presents: ABCs of Racism, a screening and discussion of the of the Documentary *An American Story: Race Amity and the Other Tradition* in collaboration with the All Are Welcome Committee, and a concert featuring Yale University's a cappella group Redhot & Blue in collaboration with the Norwell Council on Aging. Many town boards/committees and community groups utilized the Meeting room and Local History Room.

Financial Report: As of the end of March the remaining balance in personnel services is \$165,334.90. The remaining balance in general expenses is \$194,159.35. The total for the cash drawer receipts from March is \$479.30, and the total for copier money is \$131.00.

Friends: The new co-chairs of the Friends sent out their first annual appeal to all Norwell residents. Katie Lombardi will be the new Treasurer. The next Friends meeting is April 27.

NPL Foundation: The Foundation decided that since the Friends just sent out their annual appeal that it makes sense to wait until the fall/winter before sending out their own appeal letter.

Library Building Project Updates: Request for final grant disbursement was submitted to the MBLC. Reseeding by Chase Landscaping will be done this week. Replacement of the carpet in the Children's room is still pending, waiting on the manufacturer. The one-year walkthrough of the building and site was completed as part of the ongoing Building Project closeout.

Personnel Changes: Pam Achille is the new Assistant Director, Emily Goodwin is the new Technical Services Librarian. The YA/Technology position has been posted.

FY23 Proposed closed dates: Trustees voted and approved the FY23 closed dates. These include:

Saturday, September 3, 2022-Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, October 9, 2022-Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Weekend
Wednesday, November 23, 2022-Close at 1 PM for the Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday, December 24, 2022-Christmas Weekend
Sunday, December 25, 2022-Christmas Holiday
Saturday, December 31, 2022-New Year's Weekend
Sunday, January 1, 2023-New Year's Holiday
Sunday, February 19, 2023-President's Day Weekend
Sunday, April 9, 2023-Easter Sunday
Saturday, May 27, 2023-Memorial Day Weekend

Selection Policy: Trustees voted and approved the Selection Policy as amended.

Reconsideration of Materials Policy: Trustees voted and approved the Reconsideration of Materials Policy as amended.

Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, and Town Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Kathleen Fitzgerald will be stepping down from her position on the Board of Trustees. Kathryn Mudgett and Lauren McNeil are on the ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Minutes recorded by Pam Achille.