

## Board of Library Trustees

### Minutes 5/17/22

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

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

**Public Comments:** None

**Additions to Agenda:** Summerfest is June 11, the library will have a table set up for the day for library card registration and information.

**Approval of Minutes:** April 26, 2022 minutes approved.

**Director's Report:** In April there were 5,900 visits to the library and over 5,700 items were checked out, including 35 museum passes. Study rooms were used 230 hours. Programs included book and movie discussion groups, a movie matinee, Tai Chi, author talks, Teen Paint Night and weekly crafternoons, Blackout Poetry craft, Peep Diorama craft, a make your own Chia Pet craft generously donated by the Norwell Garden Club, a children's "Cardboard Drive-In Movie", an interactive viewing of Disney's Encanto, weekly outdoor storytimes and music and movement sessions with Jessica, a Flowers scavenger hunt, read to Spider the Therapy Dog, and much more.

Community events included the Tiny Art show: Viewing and Voting, the Peep Diorama Contest and the first installation of the library's Outdoor Storywalk featuring the picture book *How the Rabbit Lost its Tail* by local author Len Cabral, who was also featured in a children's program "Stories with Len Cabral".

**Financial Report:** As of the end of April the remaining balance in personnel services is \$130,621.14. The remaining balance in general expenses is \$133,526.85. The total for the cash drawer receipts from April is \$279.00, and the total for the public copier/printer is \$229.00.

**Friends:** The Friends will be holding a pop-up book sale at the Summer Reading Kickoff event on June 24.

**NPL Foundation:** Nothing to report.

**Library Building Project Updates:** The final grant disbursement from the MBLC has been received by the town. Drywall and paint repair will be happening in the coming month, final details TBD. The work is covered 100% under warranty. Trustees voted and approved an emergency order to give Library Director Rachel Breen authority to make decisions about changes in library open hours as necessary for a two week period while the repair work is ongoing.

**Strategic Plan:** The library is starting the process of creating a new 5 year Strategic Plan. A community survey will be available on the website and in the library for residents to fill out beginning in mid-June. There will a public forum at the library in mid-July, date TBD.

**Town Meeting:** The Library budget for FY23 was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40. Minutes recorded by Pam Achille.