

Board of Library Trustees
Minutes 2/14/23

Present: Kathryn Mudgett (co-chair), Monika Brodsky, Sarah Cassidy, Lauren McNeil, Rachel Breen (director)

Call to order: 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of Minutes: Approved December and January minutes

Director's Report: Hired new YA /Technology Librarian - Brooke Vitagliano
Won design award for our library - Rachel will list in annual report and post something on website

Financial Report: At the end of January the balance in personnel services is \$288,931.88. The balance in general expenses is \$110,021.83. The total for fines collected was \$738.06 and the total receipts for the copier was \$144.00.

One negative line - program - due to lack of funding from Friends

Friends: Received endowment money - \$15,000 which will last through the year. They are looking for businesses to sponsor passes. They are consulting with Susan Davis for marketing ideas. There was a suggestion by the trustees to reach out to Churchill neighborhood group. They have donated to the library in the past and may be willing to do so again. Kathy Maguire passed away recently and her husband will suggest donation to library in lieu of flowers.
Received \$1,000 donation from Schwab Charitable.

Library Updates:

Susan Solis of the Norwell Garden Club had an idea to help with courtyard maintenance if library allows them to use library for two fundraisers and rethink greenery fundraiser in winter - trustees and director do not think it is a good idea - we have a policy of no fundraisers.

Dementia Friends training will be held Thursday, March 9th at 10 am - invited James library staff - Susan Curtain of COA will do training

Ben Margro, the Norwell health agent, is receiving funds from RDP and will divvy up the funds. He will give \$5,000 to NPL (distributed 2024) for library of things - non-print items (puzzles, ukulele, gardening kit)

NPL purchased a light lamp for winter which helps with seasonal depressive disorder. Patrons can check it out at the circulation desk.

Also looking into buying more mobile hot spots with funds.

Advisory Board meeting on March 7 in the evening where director will present library budget for approval in the Osborne Room at town hall.

Library Legislative Day - March 15 at State Building in Boston- director will attend - director and small group of directors from neighboring towns will have meeting with Senator O'Connor after the presentation to promote positive library legislation.

Suggestion that director look into applying for grant through the Norwell Education Foundation. She made a note to look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. Minutes recorded by Sarah Cassidy.