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Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday March 19, 2020

Special Meeting: Plans for dealing with shutdown during pandemic.

Present: Trustees: Chairwoman Brenda Cannon, Secretary Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard.

Alternate: Heleen Kurk. Acting Director Thelma Tracy, via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Topic One: Continuation of salary payments to library staff.

1. The board discussed the payment of wages and salaries to library personnel during the shutdown that is occurring as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.
2. The board was unanimous in agreement that payroll payments to library staff should continue during the shut down with the condition that all members of staff participate in library efforts to continue to interact with the public, and to provide library services to the extent possible. Further, the board agreed that this policy should continue for a specific amount of time, to be revisited in the future.

Topic Two: Suggested ways the library can continue to engage with the public.

1. Online interaction.
 1. Children's librarian: Online story hour.
2. It was discussed that a significant portion of the support staff spend most of their library hours at the front desk checking out books or processing returns. Participating in online activities is a bit more complicated for them.
3. Acting director, Thelma Tracy, Will work out and develop program for staff/patron interaction.
 1. Acting director Thelma Tracy will meet with her staff before the upcoming weekend to discuss development with library employees.
 2. Engagement to begin early next week.
 3. Announcement will be posted on the library's Facebook page that online programs will begin next week.
4. The letter signs in front of the town hall and the new library sign could be used to direct where residents to our online resources.

No further business to discuss, Chairwoman Brenda Cannon made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mark M. Carey, Secretary