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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday May 6, 2021

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Brenda Cannon, Director Clay Kriese, Alternates: Heleen Kurk & Diann Couture-Smith

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm as per RSA 91-A: 1-a.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes from April 1, 2021 were reviewed. Chairman Mark Carey moved to accept the minutes for the April meeting. Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the meeting minutes were accepted.

Public Comments: There were no public comments. The board progressed directly to public session.

Public Session to accept funds:

A public hearing came to order at 7:07 pm, per RSA 202-A 4c. The hearing was held to accept funds from income generating equipment, donations and other income to be placed in the appropriate funds (\$227.69). The library Director provided this information in the April 2021 Report to Trustees. Chairman Mark Carey moved to accept the funds. Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The public session ended at 7:08 PM.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. The circulation numbers are a bit lower than last month. Now that we're fully open, I am not including the numbers for April 2020 (when we were closed). Next month, however, it'll be interesting to compare with May 2019.

We have experienced a smooth reopening, and we are seeing higher rates of visitations.

Our new website: wearepubliclibrary.com is up and working.

We are very thankful to the Friends of the Library for approving of \$2,000 in funding for the summer reading programing. We have already made most of the supply purchases and are near finalizing the activity plans.

Two weeks ago, I posted a job ad for the new position of Children's Assistant Librarian, who is budgeted to work 10 hours a week. We have yet to receive an application.

Michael Sullivan's parents stopped by to survey and mark the space set aside for his monument. They have not yet given me the date for installation, but they have scheduled a dedication service on June 19. The Library Trustees are discussing having refreshments for this event.

Chairman Mark Carey moved to accept the director's report. Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Old Business:

- Paige room blinds. This idea will remain on the agenda until 4th quarter of this year. At that time the cost for installation would be known and the budget would be reexamined to determine if the library had funds for this project.
- Sawyer room windows. Several windows continue to need repair. H. Kurk has agreed to discuss with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to determine if this is a project they would support.
- The library's continued involvement in the publication "Weare In The World" was discussed. A document has been prepared to present to the group publishing the paper for them taking over all rights/obligations of the paper. The Trustees will try to get the town attorney to review after they have what is considered a finished document. The issues created by the former director will be archived.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Josh Hilliard seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday June 3, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Cannon, Recording Secretary