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-- Approved Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday June 3, 2021

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

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

The meeting minutes from May 6, 2021 were reviewed. The minutes were changed to correct the 2nd bullet point in old business, the correct name was Sawyer Room and not Paige Room. Mark Carey moved to accept the minutes for the May 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 7:02 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 (\$78.70). The library Director provided this information in the May 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 7:02 PM.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. I'm very pleased with the job the staff's doing promoting the collections – including videos on Facebook and TikTok. D. Ventiere's push for young adult and graphic novels has really paid off. DVDs have seen a boom as well. Though, we're still not near the levels of circulation we saw in May 2019. We're doing better than April (and way better than March), and YA actually doing now better than pre-covid. We'll soon add more board games, puzzles, and sports accessories to our collection.

Everything's lining up for the summer reading to kick-off in three weeks. The Children's Librarian has come-through with the planning. I look forward to our collaborations with Parks & Rec, Contoocook Creamery, AG Paintball, the Pickleball Club, the Ruff Reader's, the Historical

Society, and others. A BIG special thanks to the Friends of the Library for providing the majority of the funds.

I handed out books and Summer Reading Program guides at last weekend's Weare Farmer's Market "Grand Opening." Despite the miserable weather, I was able to speak to about 40 persons. Later this month, I'll be there again. We're also in talks with them to collaborate on several "Open Mic" events.

Next week, I am scheduled to present our summer plans to the 4th grade classes at the upper-elementary school, and the Children's Librarian making a promotional video for the lower-elementary.

Today we interviewed two applicants for the Children's Assistant Librarian opening. There's another interview on Monday. Here's hoping we can get her on board and ready ASAP.

Chairman Mark Carey moved to accept the director's report. Alternate Heleen Kurk seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Old Business:

- 1) Paige room blinds. This idea will remain on the agenda until 4th quarter of this year.
- 2) Sawyer room windows. Several windows continue to need repair. H. Kurk trying to meet with the Trustees of the Trust Fund to determine if this is a project they would support.
- 3) The library's continued involvement in the publication "Weare In The World" was discussed. The update document was presented to the group. This document was widely accepted by the Trustees. The Trustees will now have the town attorney review what is considered a finished document.

New Business:

- 1) TD Bank – The director does not have signing authority for any accounts. The Trustees would like to give him limited access or provide a credit card that has a limited amount available.
 - a) The Trustees want to ensure that any donations made to the Friends organization does not get placed in library funds. Currently the Friends do not have the ability to accept donations online.
- 2) The Trustees discussed ways in which increased engagement by new and older adults might occur.
 - a) Welcome to "Weare Kits" was a possibility

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn; Secretary Brenda Cannon seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday July 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Cannon, Recording Secretary