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-- Draft Minutes --

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting Thursday August 5, 2021

Present: Trustees: Chairman Mark Carey, Treasurer Josh Hilliard, Secretary Brenda Cannon, Director Clay Kriese, Alternate(s): Heleen Kurk
Guests: Shawne Hilliard, Jack Dearborn, Lorianne Meyette, Tom Clow

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

Acceptance of Minutes:

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

Public Comments: The public hearing to hear from members of the Library Foundation (LF) began at 7:04 PM. This hearing was to discuss how monies being held by the LF could be utilized to benefit the library. Jack Dearborn of the LF explained the LF objectives and how the monies were obtained and how he thought they were meant to be utilized. The LF and the Trustees had previously reviewed the library expansion assessment done June 2016. Both groups were in agreement that some type of library expansion was necessary, especially in the children's area and the common area (Sawyer Room). Both groups agreed that some of the needs of an expanded community room are currently being met by various town organizations.

The money held by the LF and the library would be seed money; additional monies would need to be obtained by getting money from grants or donations.

Both groups agreed that a plan for moving forward should be started; the library Trustees and director felt that a team should be constructed to begin the process. The team is to consist of community members. The 1st order of business would be to see what is really needed by the community, to see what the library is missing. This expanded space would address library needs and not wants. All were in agreement that the Children's area (need play space that is not weather dependent) needed to be expanded as well as the community room. The Trustees proposed inviting Terry Knowles to a Trustee meeting to discuss the legal implications of moving forward and how best to proceed.

Public Session to accept funds:

A public hearing came to order at 8:08 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 (\$330.00).

The library Director provided this information in the July 2021 Report to Trustees. Mark Carey moved to accept the funds. Brenda Cannon seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The public session ended at 8:10 PM.

Director's Report:

Director Kriese presented data of the past month's operations, circulation activity and staff development. It still looks like we're headed in the right direction. Overall, July circulation is 17% higher than June. Last month, our circulation was 6% lower than 2019. This month it's just 3% lower.

We geared our June/July events to the outdoors. We did not forecast, however, how often our plans would be mucked-up by the rain. Regardless, our team did a great job with this Summer's Reading Program. Thanks to their hard work, we racked up a total of 1,196 participants.

This month I'm looking forward to starting regular Game Nights. Next month, we'll display and circulate the grant-funded educational kits. We're calling it: STEMtember ("The Science Fair YOU can take home!").

The Friends of the Library are holding their next book sale on Sat, August 14 from 8:00 – 2:00, coinciding with the Town's Yard Sale. These last few weeks, book donations have picked up.

To determine topics for forthcoming adult programming 25 respondents participated in a brief survey about programs. Genealogy, home repair and retirement information received the highest rankings. Computer, business, scams, house hunting and job hunting were listed but did not generate much interest among the responders.

For those "Fun" events, since we had more patrons participate, I gave their score a boost (Again, the lower the better):

	Patron Weighted	Trus- tees	Aver- age				
				10 Falconry	2.04	2.09	2.065
				11 Archery	1.816	2.36	2.088
1 Audubon Society	1.6	1.67	1.635	12 Beer Brewing	2.2	2	2.1
2 Gardening	1.2	2.18	1.69	13 Gun Safety	2.4	2.18	2.29
3 Astronomy	1.664	1.9	1.782	14 Drone Avia- tion	2.64	2.1	2.37
4 Hiking	1.4	2.18	1.79				
5 Author Visits	1.8	2.09	1.945				
6 History	1.744	2.17	1.957				
7 Escape Rooms	1.6	2.45	2.025				
8 Soap & Body Product Making	1.72	2.36	2.04				
9 Yoga / Meditation / Stress Relief	1.672	2.45	2.061				

Chairman Josh Hilliard moved to accept the director's report. Mark Carey 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. The windows will continue to be monitored and possibly fixed if the alignment issues worsen.
- 3) The library's continued involvement in the publication "Weare In The World" was discussed. The town attorney's review remains pending at the time of this meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Sawyer room – This room will be cleaned and made ready for community members needing a meeting place.

Chairman Mark Carey made a motion to adjourn; Heleen Kurk seconded the motion. All present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Next meeting is Thursday September, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Cannon, Recording Secretary