

Minutes for Board of Trustees Meeting

August 18, 2021 5:30 pm

Attendees: Margaret Wilson (chair), Tina Casteris (minutes), Peter Conant, Ellen Taylor, Diane Schivera, Patti Chapman, Libby Trezise, Trudy Scee (coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 5:33

I. Minutes from July Meeting

Libby moved to approve, Ellen seconded, July minutes were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

No major changes from last time.

III. Coordinator's Report

We are in a high COVID transmission area, we should reconsider mask wearing. Trudy suggests a Reading Challenge once the Summer Reading program is over. She also discussed communications, regular FB posts and potentially getting an Instagram account for the library. Another great suggestion is Staff Picks, we could put those on FB as well.

IV. Action Between Meetings

1. Collections: Ordered Maine State Book Award Winners and some YA with Masons' donation - list of books chosen by School Librarians, heavy focus on racial issues and social justice. ***Post meeting note: We ordered 51 books for a total of \$499.91. Tina will put together a list of titles.***
2. Volunteer Work on Garden Space - Zoe got some volunteers, dug out the flower bed and added compost. Will add flowers soon. Looks great! We should invite those people to the volunteer dinner.

V. Old Business

1. Mask Policy - Things are changing rapidly. We agreed that we should go back to requiring masks.
2. Maintenance Update on Light Bulbs - Peter updated us that he is working with an electrician, will consult tomorrow about whether we should change fixtures, and whether fixtures need to be replaced when the bulbs burn out or not.
4. Planning for Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, August 25, 5-7
About 20 ppl have RSVPed. Rain date is Sep 1 since we can't move inside if it rains. We will have a variety of salads. Libby will buy some drinks. Libby- orzo salad. Peter and Lisa - pesto salad. Margaret - black bean salad. Ellen - big green salad. Tina - potato salad and cookies. Diane - quinoa salad. Patti - chips and dip.

VI. New Business

1. How to Proceed with Strategic Planning - hard to proceed with COVID up in the air. We talked about making sub committees for each of our goals, or picking a priority one. Trudy suggested making hard copies of the newsletter for distribution to people who aren't online, and using that to emphasize a potential delivery of books. Since the needs of homebound patrons may be increasing, we could focus on that as a priority. Forming subcommittee, invite D. Burke as a member or at least to contribute ideas.
2. New Desk Computer? Patti researching. We need to update since the browser is too old for some applications and can't be updated. Margaret will get some consultation from Peter Beckett.
3. Puzzle exchange/yard sale/book sale/bake sale. October 2. Can use it to sell some more cookbooks.

VII. Items for next Meeting

1. Training Manual
2. Computer purchase

Meeting adjourned 6:35.

Next meeting is September 15, 5:30 pm.