



WFL BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES MINUTES

DATE: Sat April 24th, 2021

TIME: 9:15am

LOCATION: ZOOM Virtual Meeting*

Register in advance for this meeting:

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Board Members/Attendees Present: Melissa Dyer (Chair), Aprilleigh Lauer (Vice Chair), Deanne Bonnar, Nancy Rice, George Ripley (Director), Joanne Robertson, Margit Price (Applicant Candidate).

Board Members Absent: Mallory Callinan, Selectman Representative.

Call to Order: 9:22 am. by Mel D.

Request from George to re-order the agenda to address the Director's Report after "Review of Minutes" as library is short-staffed at present.

Review of Minutes:

March minutes were not sent ahead of time. They will be reviewed next month.

Director's Report: "Ripley Report" for March – see attached.

George R. noted that patron numbers are picking up steam.

MBLC granted WFL and additional day for book delivery from other libraries (Tues./Thurs./Fri.).

Maintaining current service levels for now. Appointments must be made to browse interior. Curbside pickups remain busy.

COA using library grounds for classes – Chair Yoga (April) & Tai Chi (May) – purchased handicap ramp for better access. Ramp doesn't fit exactly, Municipal Maintenance is working on a fix.

Announcements: Nothing at this time.

Public Comment: Margit P. questioned why the library cannot be open more fully at this time – it was explained that it was the town's decision in order to best comply with current safety concerns relative to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Report: Friends and Foundation: Mel D. shared Pricilla's (4/15) email announcing the dates for the upcoming Friends' book sales: 4/22-24, Thurs/Fri from 9:30am-4:30pm, Sat. from 9:30am-2pm. All Sales moving forward will run Thurs-Sat. June book sale in planning stages.

Announcement was made regarding a substantial check from the A.D. Makepeace Company to the Foundation.

Correspondence: Mel D. noted how active the MBLC is in sending information and announcements of upcoming events. She forwards it all to BoLT and is aware that the amount is sometimes overwhelming.

Members were asked to consider writing to local politicians advocate for library support.

Old Business: Volunteers for shelving (to remain on agenda until such time as it can be revisited)

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Trustee Matters: Board Matrix from MBLC Deep Dive virtual meeting soliciting the connections and skills of each board member to be used to identify current board strengths and limitations was completed and discussed. This is to be used as a tool in new trustee recruitment to ensure diversity and advocacy in all quarters. Representation on the board should be indicative of the area's demographics. This is an outgrowth of the board's focus on strategic recruitment for the long-term sustainability of the library.

Joanne R. reported on the development of a welcome packet for new members - will include a list of library staff and their positions, information about the Board of Selectmen and town officials, library staff and programs, and a clear job description.

Aprilleigh L. reported on her current work gathering job descriptions from other towns in developing a WFL job description. She has a lot of material.

Mel D. led us in working on an elevator pitch for why we choose to serve on the board.

Next Meeting: It was decided to change our meetings from Saturday mornings to Wednesday afternoons for the foreseeable future. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 19th at 4:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Deanne Bonnar motioned for adjournment; Nancy Rice seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:43am.