

Trustees Minutes

March 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held on Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. at the Main Library. Those present were:

Axelrod	Healy	Margolis	Vanderkay
Chanyasukit	Jones	Martin-Page	
Goldman	Lohe	Mehta	

Also present: S. Slymon, Director; A. Reed, Assistant Director; E. Mitchell, Assistant Director of Technology, C. Urbano, Librarian I, and M. Gaffey.

I. Approval of Minutes

M It was moved to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

II Correspondence

K. Martin-Page had no correspondence to report.

III. Library Director's Report

Circulation: The circulation stats were distributed to the Board.

Financial: The financial report can be found at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pw6j_vFQmky8ZDoMMMRd

This Month in Libraries: The Director shared links in regard to a couple of very scary things that happened in Libraries this month:

<https://abc7ny.com/5944272/>

<https://abcnewsgo.com/US/wireStory/boys-13-charged-murder-california-library-fire-69165575>

The Director plans to use this year's All Staff Development Day to do CPR, AED, and active shooting training.

More libraries that have eliminated fines:

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/niles/ct-nhs-overdue-fines-tl-0305-20200302-mepfdoluorg7ha7xtxtld7isqq-story.html>

<https://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2020/03/03/Fine-free-library-Allegheny-County-access-equity/stories/202003030002>

<https://www.kcrg.com/content/news/North-Liberty-Library-going-fine-free-expanding-hours-568399671.html>

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2020/02/07/why-anchorage-public-library-has-gone-fine-free/>

The Director thought this was a great article about the future of eBook licensing: <https://gizmodo.com/libraries-could-preserve-ebooks-forever-but-greedy-pu-b-1841922375>

Personnel: Interviews are still being held for candidates to fill the Business Manager position. Peter Keller, senior page, has retired after 16 years of service to the library. Emerald Martinez had a bouncing baby boy!! Roberto Lauro-Priestly was temporarily promoted into Emerald's position. All claims by Maryam Karimi have been resolved in the Town's favor.

IdeaSPACE: The ideaSPACE is coming along. The Director reported that we have received permanent ventilation for the laser cutter, adorable new story time seats, new tables, and new chairs. Buildings fixed the cabinets, and the glorious new vinyl wraps are on the walls outside! The programming for the ideaSPACE is very, very popular, with most events booked solid. We are looking into investing a \$5000 gift from a Brookline Library Foundation donor for more machines for the branches, and either laser cutters or vacuum formers. The grand opening is on Sunday, March 26, although we haven't confirmed due to some delayed furniture shipments.

Paula Sharaga Anniversary Observance: There were approximately 45 people that attended the breakfast remembrance event that was held at Coolidge Corner on the anniversary of Paula's death. Her husband, Eric, attended and was much moved. The Director, S. Slymon, and Assistant Director, A. Reed, plan on bringing perennials from our gardens to spruce up that garden in the back. I will order a plaque, and we will have a dedication ceremony. More to follow.

Massachusetts libraries are to share *criminal* incidents in our libraries. It has been the Director's experience that criminal offenders (thieves, sexual offenders, etc.) take advantage of our inability to communicate effectively and thoroughly with each other by committing crimes in a variety of libraries. To this end, she engaged Minuteman to find a vendor and did a webinar with a company named Quipu. Sadly, it was not what the library needed, but the Director is still pursuing this.

M COV19 Updates/State of Emergency: A number of documents were distributed to the Board. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Director to close all libraries if the Brookline Public Schools close. This motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Director to suspend all library programs and meetings in the State of an Emergency. This motion passed unanimously. The Friends of the Library have cancelled all ESL conversation groups.

Investment Committee: C. Lohe has reached out to B. Mast, Chair of the Investment Committee, and read an e-mail from him with his recommendations; and the Director reached out to State Street, as the market has been so erratic.

Advisory Committee: The Board of Library Trustees is heading to the Advisory Committee. Among the March Board meeting materials, the Board was able to review M. Burstein's minutes from the March 4, 2020 Special Trustee meeting and will vote on an attested version of the same at the next Board meeting. There will be more information at next month's meeting.

Patriot Act: The library has not been served with any court orders since the last meeting.

VII. Adjourn

M There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimous:

Voted: To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

A true record.

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Koinonia I. Martin-Page

Secretary

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