

A **virtual** meeting of the Trustees of the Public Library was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Those virtually present were:

Axelrod	Livingston	Margolis
Burstein	Lohe	Martin-Page
Chanyasulkit	Healy	Vanderkay

Also virtually present: S. Slymon, Director; A. Reed, Assistant Director, and E. Mitchell Assistant Director of Technology.

**\*\* All motions were taken by roll call vote.**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

**M** It was moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**II. Library Director's Report**

**Circulation:** The circulation report was distributed.

**Financial:** The rolling annual financial report can be found at:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pw6i\\_vFQmky8ZDoMMMRdV\\_z2xCEsElw9QhfQVI08RMY/edit#gid=1795794717](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pw6i_vFQmky8ZDoMMMRdV_z2xCEsElw9QhfQVI08RMY/edit#gid=1795794717)

**M** The library remains closed as of this writing. Staff have been working towards implementing our staged re-opening plan, beginning on June 15. Custodians will clean all three buildings from top to bottom on June 11 and 12. All 40 staff will return to the buildings, work stations have been separated, entrances and exits assigned, bathrooms assigned, extra break rooms designated, etc. We look forward to getting into the buildings and getting caught up to begin to serve our public. A motion was made to approve the re-opening plan. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was then made to accept the reduction in hours. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The staff and leadership of the library are distraught over the violence wracking our nation and the lack of federal leadership right now. We have offered the Employee Assistance Program for support, and the Library Director has kept up with her daily updates, sometimes augmented by additional updates as the situation warrants.

We cannot currently accept any volunteers. This is for the safety of our staff, and the volunteers. Furthermore, the Library Director is unwilling to have volunteers complete work that paid staff should be doing. This sets a bad precedent for staffing moving forward, and it is imperative that funding be restored to bring the part-time workers back when it is safe.

**Romanow Fund:** The Romanow checks have been sent out to staff.

**Part-timers:** All part-timers have been furloughed through at least October.

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

**III. Committee Reports**

**M Treasurer's Report:** The Director and Treasurer discussed the budget with the Board of Library Trustees. At this time, there will be no re-branding. Monies may be used for books and anti-racism training. A motion was made to approve the revised budget with half the monies going to books and materials and half towards anti-racism training.

**Old/New Business**

**Edith Pearlman Award:** The Edith Pearlman Award has been presented, and the recipient was very thankful.

**Nomination of officers:** Please let the Nomination Committee know if you are interested in running for the Executive Board.

**M Team Brookline:** After some discussion, it was moved that the Board of Library Trustees disapprove of Team Brookline's decision to hold charity runners responsible for their \$6000 pledge during these difficult economic and social times, and in the middle of a global pandemic.

**M Black Lives Matter Flags:** A motion was made to authorize the Director to order Black Lives Matter flags to be hung at all three library buildings. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**IV. 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 7:26 p.m.

A true record.

ATTEST



Koinonia I. Martin-Page

Secretary

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