

Jonathan Trumbull Library  
March 22, 2022  
Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees  
Conference Room, Town Hall

Present: Michelle Kersey, Janice Knudsen, Suzanne Nintean, Guthrie Dinda, Christine Hadyka; Eileen Weinstein; Cathe McCall, Bill Goba, and Maggie Gaier

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Chair, Cathe McCall.

Minutes:

- Motion (Michelle Kersey/Janice Knudsen) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting. Motion carried with none opposed.

Public Comment: No public comment

Librarian Reports:

Director's Report: Matt Earls reported.

- Getting back to normal with in person programs: Trivia, Book Discussion, Yoga, Friends of the Library. We will wait until the new building opens before monthly concerts and lectures resume
- Young Lebanon Lions (LEO's) club donated \$500 for vision impaired resources.
- Friends of the Library meeting scheduled for April 21, 2022 at 5 pm.
- Matt attended the Connecticut Library Association meeting.
- Events highlights include Korean Lantern making which was a lot of fun and they will return in person with food.
- The print edition of Lebanon Life is sorely missed. The library staff has produced a brochure with program schedule which is sent to the (3) schools for announcements and distribution. Additional distribution points in town to be reviewed. Mass mailings are still being considered with the cost and frequency to be determined.
- No Facilities issues reported.
- Gwen Haaland celebrated her one-year anniversary of employment at the Library
- Mandatory masks have been rescinded.
- New magazines are expected and there will be announcements and promotion of the same. Electronic subscriptions will continue to be available.
- We have applied for a summer enrichment grant from the State Library.
- Building update: First coat of paint is on the walls. Windows and doors are being trimmed and the drop ceiling being installed. Stairs should be installed this week and sidewalks poured as well. New cupola and weathervane being discussed. Request to purchase furniture to go to the building committee on Wednesday

Youth Services Librarian Report: Maggie Gaier reported.

- With Spring's arrival, patrons are coming out of hibernation.
- (56) people attended the outreach hike, bundled babies attendance is in the 20s and 30s, Take-and-make terrariums were popular (50) as were the clover painted pots (80).
- Lots of excitement building around the new weekly programs coming in April, including A Date with the 398s (folktales and fairy tales), Homeschool Fridays and Baby-Preschool Yoga.
- April is National Poetry Month: Come and support our teens at the community poetry open mic being held at the library on 4/21/22 as well as in Downtown Storrs on April 30, 2022, where a group from the Library was invited to perform.
- Passport to CT Libraries starts in April so visit us and other libraries across the state.
- Maggie attended a stakeholder meeting with the Lebanon Historical Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution regarding the Trumbull House renovation and collaborative programing with the LHS that is coming soon.
- Looking ahead to Nutmeg 2023 book lists release, Children's Book Week in May and Summer Reading.
- Irish Step Dancing will be at the Library on April 27, 2022.
- The Friends Logo contest results and next steps to be reviewed at the 4/21/22 Friends meeting.

#### Sub-committees/Special Committees:

- Bylaws (Ninteau, Knudsen, Weinstein): no report
- Budget (Goba, Dinda, Nowosad): Awaiting final decision on proposed budget from Board of Finance.
- Personnel (Knudsen, Dinda, Weinstein, Kersey): no report
- Building Committee: See Director's report.

#### On-going Reporting

- Friends: Next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2022.

#### Unfinished Business

- Christine Hadyka to join the budget and personnel sub-committees.

#### New Business

Adjourned at 7:29 pm (motion by Michelle Kersey/Eileen Weinstein). Motion carried with none opposed.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2022.