



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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Jonathan Trumbull Library
August 19th, 2021
Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees
Town Hall Upstairs Conference Room

Present: Cathe McCall, Maureen McCall, Janice Knudsen, Eilleen Weinsteiniger, Nancy LaBonne, Berkeley Nowosad, Heidi Worthington, Bill Goba, and Michelle Kersey and Library Director Matt Earls and Youth Services Librarian Maggie Gaier.

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

Minutes - Motion (Berkeley Nowosad/Heidi Worthington) to approve the minutes to the March 18th, 2021 meeting. Janice pointed out that on page 2, the art show was expected to be held again in 2020 but should have read 2022. The motion carried with correction. Motion (Heidi Worthington/Berkeley Nowosad) to approve the minutes to the May 20th, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with none opposed. Motion (Janice Knudsen/Heidi Worthington) to approve the minutes to the July 15th, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with none opposed.

Directors' report: Matt reported.

- Things are going really well and all programs are being held outside. They love their new space.
- Trivia is back weekly due to demand
- Book Club is being held outside as is Yoga which will probably continue until mid-November
- Friends - met today and are moving ahead with the plans for the book sale. The book brigade will be held on September 15th at 6:00.
- CLA met today and discussed resource sharing
- Maggie met with all three schools to discuss ways to partner together
- Facilities - $\frac{3}{4}$ of the building has working air conditioning. New shelves were installed and the company did a great job in about 4 hours. They were much faster than the movers.
- Other Personnel - Cameron left after a full year but will sub as needed. Over 100 applicants applied for the position. Two were outstanding and with the blessing of the Board of Selectmen, they will both be hired for 10 to 15 hours each. Matt has requested that the Board of Selectmen hold a special meeting to deal with this.

- Volunteers have stepped forward to give valuable help
- Lebanon is in the red zone again and they are dealing with that. One patron came today and reported that his wife was home and very sick.
- New DVD policy - instead of three days, they will be allowed out for a week.
- Circulation - Good news from July. Circulation was over 5,000. Where normally it would be between 6,500 and 7,000, the number of 5,000 is way better than the 50% we had been at.

Youth Services Director: Maggie reported

- Wrapped up summer reading
- Many programs were held under the tent (see below)
- Surveys - are being analyzed and due October 1st to the state
- A papermaking workshop was held on Zoom with a Midwest artist and well received. Plans are to do it again.
- A series of nature programs were held; the one on baby owls drew 120 attendees. There will be one more nature program in September
- They are always trying new things - plans are for a gaming hour where kids can share about the video games they play.
- A beginner Dungeons and Dragons session will be started as a virtual program.
- Mrs. Burns of LES does a weekly Wednesday reading on animals
- Home-schoolers - the first meeting of this group was held since pre-Covid
- Program planned on the Living Earth with scouts sharing wilderness skills
- Volunteers - three teens and an adult are regular volunteers and none had to be asked
- Schools meeting - met to look ahead on how to better partner
- After school programs - opportunities are being looked into for LMS and Lyman students, covid allowing where the students can be dropped off by the school buses
- Planning reading alouds with LES
- Programs:
 - 7/19/2021 - Classis Read Aloud - 11 attendees
 - 7/19/2021 - 4-H Farm Tale #3 - 18 attendees
 - 7/22/2021 - Magic The Gathering - 4 attendees
 - 7/24/2021 - ASL@JTL - 9 attendees
 - 7/26/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 17 attendees
 - 7/27/2021 - DPNC Pond - 26 attendees
 - 7/27/2021 - Afternoon Building - 13 attendees
 - 7/30/2021 - Judi Ann Jones - 17 attendees
 - 8/2/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 10 attendees
 - 8/2/2021 - Take & Make Friendship Bracelets - 48
 - 8/2/2021 - 4-H Farm Tale #4 - 18 attendees
 - 8/3/2021 - DPNC - Owl Babies - 120 attendees
 - 8/5/2021 - Magic the Gathering - 2 attendees
 - 8/6/2021 - Fam Jam - 25 attendees
 - 8/7/2021 - ASL@JTL - 11 attendees
 - 8/9/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 13 attendees
 - Afternoon Building - 15 attendees

- Papermaking - 9 attendees
- 8/11/2021 - Take & Make Collage - 51
- 8/12/2021 - Chess - 2 attendees
- 8/12/2021 - Summer Reading Party - 33 attendees
- 8/13/2021 - Outdoor games - 11 attendees
- 8/16/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 12 attendees
- 8/16/2021 - 4-H Farm Tale #5 - 18

Sub-Committees:

Bylaws - Nothing to report.

Budget - Nothing to report.

Personnel - The committee will meet on September 7th at 2:45 PM to work on the director's review

Library Trust Fund - Nothing to report.

Building Committee - The site supervisor said that Tuesday there will be a big pour - the rest of the footings and the walls. By Wednesday there will be something big to behold. The interior has been gutted. Nothing is in the red, some in the yellow (like what color paint to use in 6 months) and Matt is happy with the progress. Plans are for the project to be completed in 14 months.

Friends - already reported

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - Nothing to discuss

Motion (Maureen McCall/Eilileen Weinsteiger) to go into executive session at 7:25 per State Statutes Section I-200 (6) (A): Library Personnel Compensation.

The meeting came out of executive session at 7:56.

Hearing no other business, motion made (Heidi Worthington/Michelle Kersey) to adjourn at 7:57. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary