



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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August 20, 2020

Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees

Zoom Meeting

Present: Cathe McCall, Janice Knudsen, Bill Goba, Heidi Worthington, Berkeley Nowosad, Eileen Weinsteiger, Nancy LaBonne (arrived at 7:11), Director Matt Earls and Youth Services Librarian Frances McGrath

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chairman Cathe McCall.

Minutes to the July 23 regular meeting – Motion (Heidi Worthington/Berkeley Nowosad) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried with two abstentions.

Director's report:

- Matt reported that more people are coming back to the library and circulation is up.
- Yoga is thriving, and knitters are meeting on Monday nights.
- Other activities include online trivia, story hour, drawing with Bill Dougal. Matt Bassett is doing a great job with the three Dungeons and Dragon Groups.
- Make and Takes are very popular, with a large number of kits being picked up, made, and pictures posted.
- Our understanding is that there are a good deal of children who will not be going back to school in September. The Homeschool 101 program that we hosted was not greatly attended which was unfortunate. The Library will be focused on Project Based Learning and the arts and sciences going forward.
- The tents will be taken down after Labor Day. We are not sure how to handle programs after that. Matt will suggest groups meet in other locations but would not be doing so under the library's umbrella.
- Matt presented the new design for the library page in Lebanon Life
- Three (3) new computers will be installed in June. At least one of them being replaced is ten years old.
- Fiscal report 2020: The library is currently under budget in both expenses and income due to Covid impact to services. Some of the Mary Trumbull Adams book money has not been spent.

- July's circulation numbers up significantly from June - the Summer is always a popular reading time. It's encouraging that more people are coming to the library though it hasn't been easy having to wear masks all day.

Youth Services Librarian Report

- Things have been quiet allowing time to work on new initiatives. How can we get kids involved without being in front of a screen?
- Take and Make projects are very popular.
- Fran is working on Home school programs with an emphasis on STEM subjects. This group currently meets once per month.
- In September the library is hosting a 'Story walk'. It will be based on a book 'Vroom' by Barbara McClintock. Stations will be set up along the Green. Currently we need zip ties for this project.
- Fran noted that she will soon start a new semester at school and may miss some Board meetings.

Bylaws – the new Bylaws have been uploaded to both the library and town websites. Matt will need to update the Board member page to include the recent addition of Nancy LaBonne.

Budget – Nothing to report

Personnel – The Personnel Subcommittee will be scheduling a couple of meetings to prepare the Library Director's evaluation. We would like to have this completed for review of the entire Board by the September meeting.

Trust Fund – Nothing to report

Building Committee –

- The building plans are coming along. The design subcommittee met with Architect Kevin Lipe earlier this week. Matt spoke to Selectman Kevin Cwikla today who indicated he has met with town lawyers to determine contractual next steps.
- We are still awaiting SHPO approval. They are concerned with the parking area encroaching further onto the Green than it is today.

Friends of Jonathan Trumbull Library – Next meeting Tuesday August 25, at 3:00 pm. They will be looking for someone to step into the President role. All Board members are urged to attend the Friends meeting if possible and to become members. There will be no book sale this year.

Unfinished Business – Nothing to report.

New Business – Nothing to report.

Hearing no other business, motion made (Berkeley Nowosad/Janice Knudsen) to adjourn at 7:36 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances McGrath, Youth Services Librarian.