



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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September 17th, 2020
Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees
Zoom Meeting

Present: Cathe McCall, Maureen McCall, Eilleen Weinsteiger, Michelle Kersey, Berkeley Nowosad, Janice Knudsen and Library Director Matt Earls and library worker Frances McGrath

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

Minutes to the July 16th meeting - Motion (Berkeley Nowosad/Michelle Kersey) to accept the minutes as presented. Correction to the spelling of Matthew Bessette's name. The motion carried with correction with one abstention.

Directors' report:

- Matt said that things are quieter than they would like in the Children's library, but the adult section has had steady attendance.
- Circulation is at 4,255 which is about 2/3 of last year's over 6,000.
- eBook consumption is up and at over 800.
- A donation was received from Tony Benigno.
- The Zoom book was a hit and to date no complaints were expressed.
- Yoga meets twice a week under the tent and is a big draw.
- *Make and Takes* are a hit - there were 60 child and 54 adult projects taken last month and lots of buzz was 'heard' on Facebook.
- An appointment was made for 12:30 today before opening for pickup. The window is still being used.
- New computers are up and running and the printer issues will be resolved tonight.
- The next big program is the scarecrow contest that will be held on library property for the week of Columbus Day.

- Sadly, Frances is leaving for another opportunity, and Matt Bessette has a new job so will no longer be doing *Dungeons and Dragons*. A possible replacement for Matt has been identified and interviews for Frances' position will be held next Monday and Tuesday.
- *Friends of JTL* met in August. Stephanie Ouellette and Chris Lord will co-chair the organization and next year Chris will take over.
- The book discussion group will meet outside. The tent will be up through the month of September and Matt will negotiate with Jim McCaw to have it for another month.

Young People's Library Report

- Frances reported that things have been pretty quiet.
- Many new books have been ordered.
- *Make and Take* projects are very popular. Claire Levesque-McKinney and Dylan Waddington have been helpful in creating them.
- Storytime this week was disappointing with no one in attendance. Dylan will be taking over responsibility for this and with her following and energy we expected a positive response.
- Picture books have been rearranged.

Kudos were extended to the staff for keeping the library opened during a time where many libraries offer curbside pick-up only.

Bylaws - The personnel pages will need updating as changes occur.

Budget - Nothing to report.

Personnel - It is time to present the director's review. The chair does not want to share the document through email, but if anyone would like to see the subcommittee's final copy, Cathe will be glad to meet with them. The chair and members of the Personnel Committee will meet with the director on Monday the 28th at 2:00 pm.

Trust Fund - Nothing to report.

Building Committee - Berkeley noted that there was not much to report. The selectman signed the contract to continue the process. Challenges concerning parking was discussed.

Unfinished Business - Nothing to discuss.

New Business - Mural - it had been decided some time ago not to save the mural, but the Board revisited that decision to insure that was still the case. A triptych will be created from the mural to hang in the revamped library. It was suggested that the mural might be donated to the Historical Society.

Other Business - Regular meeting schedule: Motion (Michelle Kersey/Maureen McCall) to hold the meetings on the following dates: January 21st, February 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th,

July 15th, August 19th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th and December 16th. All meetings will be held at the Lebanon Town Hall once Covid restrictions are lifted. The motion carried unanimously.

Hearing no other business, motion made (Maureen McCall/Eilleen Weinstein) to adjourn at 7:36. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary