

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR APRIL 19, 2021

UNAPPROVED

Present: Steve Perkins, Diane Downer, Charity Clark, Brian Goodwin, Barbara Mieder ; librarians Jane Kearns and Kristina McSalis.

Absent: Karla Karstens

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was approved with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's report: There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of the treasurer.

Friends of the Library report:

- No decision has been reached about this summer's book sale. The Friends are waiting for the Governor's guidance on large gatherings.
- The Friends have agreed to Jess George's request for funding for the summer reading program including help funding book awards, second copies of the Golden Dome Award books, and summer craft kits.

Budget report:

- The target is 75% . Many lines are still below that, but everything should be on target by the end of the year.

Librarian's report:

- Statistics: We are now comparing ourselves to March of 2020 when the library closed due to the pandemic.
- Operations update: Jane went over the revised plan for reopening the library. We are still following "work safe" rules until the end of the month when we will transition to "universal guidelines" until July. We are in stage 2 of the reopening plan and hope to move to stage 3 (open by appointment) by mid-May. Much depends on the vaccination of the staff and community conditions. The appointments will be shorter so more patrons can be served. There will be a transitional phase before full reopening. The Trustees moved to approve the revised plan.

- Youth Services Position: There is no information yet.

Staff report: Kristina McSalis, Circulation Librarian, reported:

- There is a new patron-created display of origami cranes (almost 1000) in the front window.
- She oversees porch pick-up which is still very popular.
- The shorter quarantine time for returned books has helped things run more smoothly.
- The online issuing of library cards and card renewals are going great.

New business:

- At present no one from the BIPOC or the other-abled community is represented on the bookmobile mural. Ron Hernandez, the artist, is willing to make changes. Jane will discuss this with him and bring his suggestions and prices to the Board for approval.

Old business:

- Strategic Plan. The Trustees reviewed progress on goal 2 of the Strategic Plan: “The DAML works to serve as a center for general information on a broad array of topics related to work, school and personal life, with a focus on community referrals to services provided by local agencies and organizations.” The Trustees were pleased with the progress on this goal.
- Open Trustee position update: The position has been posted and there are two applicants. The Select Board will fill the library position after the open position on the Select Board has been filled.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting: The next meeting is May 17, 2021, at 7 p.m.