

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 8, 2021

7:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Present: Robert Booz, Lynn Johnson, Maya Liss, David Foster, Luanne Hanley, David Turley, Jane Eriksen, Anne Mueller. Absent: Eric Infeld. Also attending Christine Michaud, Library Director.

1: Public Comments/Communications: None.

2: Minutes: Not available – will be voted upon next month.

3: Financial Reports

A: Board Managed Funds: Anne M. reported that the bank statement had not been received at this point.

B: Library Operational Funds: Christine M. reported that expenditures are on track for the year.

4: Library Director's Reports

A: Director: Covid 19 guidelines continue to be followed. The library hours have been updated and expanded. The Summer Reading program theme will be "Tales / Tails". An FOI request was made by Selectman John Szewczyk. The information was turned over as requested. Discussion followed.

B: Other

a: ARPA Grant: The Director applied for the grant and found that it was more involved than first thought. It is in pre-approval with the IMLS and we should know if it is acceptable by the end of the week. If not, there is a limited amount of time for a second request. Discussion followed.

b: Update on Assistant Director hiring process: Kim McNally left to become Library Director at Berlin Peck Library. The Assistant Director position was posted with 12 applicants. Lauren Redfield – the current Youth Services Director was hired. Now advertising for the Youth Services position, and have received applications. A discussion followed regarding staffing for the summer and vacations. Robert B. asked that Lauren R. be invited to an upcoming Board meeting.

C: CIPA filtering: CIPA is the Childrens Internet Protection Act. To receive Federal Funding libraries need to be in compliance. Lion Libraries not in compliance are now looking to become

compliant. Lion will research and recommend what service (Free / Charge) would be best. The steps are Getting Filter/ Internet Safety Policy/ Public Hearing to explain. Previously we followed ALA recommendations. Better technology is now available. The Director recommended that we become compliant for both policy and financial reasons. Filtering is better than previously when everything was restricted. **Motion made by David Turley / seconded by Robert Booz that “The Library Board moves to move towards CIPA compliance.”** Discussion followed. Concerns raised regarding the filtering software – it only blocks visual not written pornography. Lion/State Library can come talk to the Board regarding filtering. Is the Wi Fi blocked too? Law is written that if it is a personal device, it does not have to be blocked. Hot Spots can be blocked by T-Mobile. Our Internet Policy states we can block any inappropriate use.

Board approved motion unanimously. Christine M. will put together the steps for compliance.

5: Committee Reports

A: Library Renewal: Committee met last week. The Public Appeal will open June 15,2021. A post card will be sent to all Durham residents. Facebook presence and other social media platforms will be expanded. An article has been in the Town Times.

B: PALS: No report.

6: Old Business: Need clarification on Zoom / In person meetings.

7: New Business: None.

8: General Discussion: New policy book discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

This meeting was held using videoconference and recorded to comply with public meeting requirements. Recording is available at:

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Respectfully submitted,

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