

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

July 13, 2021

Meeting called to order 7:32 P.M.

Present: Bob Booz, David Foster, Jane Eriksen, Lucille Hanley, Lynn Johnson, Maya Liss, Anne Mueller, and David Turley. Absent: Eric Infeld.

Also attending: Christine Michaud, Library Director.

I. Public Comments/Communications – none received

II. Minutes – May 11, 2021 & June 8, 2021

May 11, 2021- Motion to accept as amended Lynn, Luann seconded. Approved unanimously.

June 8, 2021 - Motion to accept Bob, seconded by David Foster. Approved unanimously

III. Financial Reports

A. Board Managed Funds – no formal update given

B. Library Operational Funds Report discussed – no significant issues noted

IV. Library Director's Reports

A. Director very disappointed to learn that the 5 year old HVAC control system has failed and needs to be updated/replaced. Other aspects of the report were discussed in detail. Russell Library (Middletown) leaving the LION consortium will almost certainly affect our LION fees and CCAR reimbursement in FY 2022.

B. Other

a. ARPA and Connectivity Grants - ARPA grant approved. Should see monies in the very near future. Monies to be used to fund improvements in the children's room and other Covid-related improvements. Another grant opportunity (Connectivity Grant) is available. The intention is to apply for the Connectivity grant to continue the funding for the two wi-fi hotspots currently paid by PALS and additional fund two wi-fi enabled tablet computers. The director will go forward and submit this application.

b. Holiday Schedules – Long discussion of public holidays and how the library should honor them. By closing? By having programs? There is the question of whether we need to be closed on all State/Federal holidays. Christine to come back with information and recommendations.

C. Year End Statistical Report – discussed briefly. This is a very unusual year. It is hard to draw meaningful conclusions from the data.

V. Committee Reports

- A. Library Renewal - Response to first round of appeals has not been overwhelming.
Need to redouble our efforts.
 - B. PALS – report discussed
- VI. Old Business – no issues
- VII. New Business – Board meeting in August – It was decided we should not cancel the meeting.
- Building and grounds – lots of weeding and TLC is required. The garden out by the rock is in bad shape. Rear gardens are also overgrown. Need to review the budget. Need a plan for how we address ongoing need for weeding.
- Water Rates – noted. This will be an issue to keep track off when the new water situation is inaugurated.
- VIII. General Discussion - noted

Robert H. Booz, Chairman

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