

# **DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**December 14, 2021**

**7:30pm**

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

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

## **1: Public Comments/Communications**

A: Christine M. reported that the Zoom Santa was well received. Social media also had positive comments for the Haiku program and take away science kits. There were several thank you notes to the Board.

## **11: Minutes**

A: **Motion made by Jane Eriksen / Seconded by Luanne Hanley to “accept the minutes of November 9, 2021”** was approved unanimously.

## **111: Financial Reports**

A: Board Funds report by Anne M.

B: Library Operational Funds: On track for this fiscal year.

## **IV: Library Director’s Reports**

A: Director: New staff members are learning the system and settling in nicely. A grant from the CT Humanities (Federal ARPA Funds) for capacity building has been applied for. Funding decisions are expected by the end of December. The elevator continues to be a problem. Christine M. related that book challenges have been on the increase. She pointed out that the library has well established procedures for challenges and how books are selected. Most challenges are in school libraries. Discussion regarding the old library front steps. The Town has received a first estimate. Possibility of pursuing grants for historic preservation.

## **V: Committee Reports**

A: Renewal – Bond Commission has not met yet.

B: PALS – Continues to meet. No fund raising at this point.

## **VI: Old Business**

None

## **VII: New Business**

A: Election of Officers: David Turley presented the slate of officers for 2021-2022.

Chairman: Robert Booz

Vice Chairman: Lynn Johnson

Treasurer: Anne Mueller

Secretary: Eric Infeld

Corresponding Secretary: Jane Eriksen

**Acting Secretary Lynn Johnson, seconded by David Turley “Moved to accept the slate as presented.”** Unanimously approved.

B: Operational Budget 2022/2023

Christine Michaud presented the proposed budget that is due on 12/17/2021. Presently the Union (3 members on staff) is in contract negotiations. Discussion regarding the difficulty hiring MLS level staff. **Motion made by Anne Mueller seconded by Robert Booz to “Approve the budget as presented by Christine Michaud and amended by the Board for submission to the Durham Board of Finance.”** Unanimously approved.

C: Parking Lot MoU: Robert Booz presented the MoU for the library parking lot and the United Church property that was approved at the Town meeting on 12/13/2021. Lively discussion, questions regarding the two parking spaces in the MoU.

D: Association of CT Library Boards- **Motion made by Jane Eriksen / Second by David Turley to “Extend our membership in the Association of CT Library Boards.”** Approved unanimously.

E: 2022 Meeting Schedule: **Motion made by Robert Booz/Second by Anne Mueller to “Meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.”**

Unanimously approved. There was a discussion of the focus and goals of the 2022 meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JqoTqq3TLXxncuIRFSZP\\_QpOixYJWySATjPsa0yVCNGOUzbYMNd0CXU9PCndRWGK.GZ0fKIYwKTYNS2vu](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/JqoTqq3TLXxncuIRFSZP_QpOixYJWySATjPsa0yVCNGOUzbYMNd0CXU9PCndRWGK.GZ0fKIYwKTYNS2vu) Passcode: Li%Hz!5X

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn A Johnson

Acting Secretary