

Minutes for April 15, 2021

Remote Meeting of Board of Trustees
Medfield Memorial Public Library

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Attendees:

Jenny Shaw Cronin, Kiersten Cole, Lauren Feeney, Deb Merriam, Jessica Razza, Phil Tuths; Library Director Pam Gardner, Assistant Town Administrator Nick Milano.

Deb called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm. She read Governor Baker's order on the open meeting law and reminded the trustees that all votes will be roll call votes (A=Aye; N=Nay). New members, Kierston Cole and Jessica Razza were congratulated and welcomed.

Reorganization of Trustee Officers

Chair - Deb Merriam

Vice Chair – Phil Tuths

Secretary – Jenny Cronin

Treasurer – Kiersten Cole

Friends Liaison – Jessica Razza

Member at Large – Lauren Feeney

Jenny made a motion to accept the slate of new positions. Lauren seconded that motion.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes. Motion: L. Feeney; Second: D. Merriam. Roll call: J. Cronin A, K. Cole A, L. Feeny A, D. Merriam A, J. Razza A, Phil Tuths A. Unanimous vote.

FoL report: FoL met on April 8, 2021. Bookstore and membership are doing well. There are 17-18 new members. Creative writing winners have been chosen and will be announced in June. “Sponsored by the Friends of the Library” will be added to all FoL sponsored advertised events. Possible Craft Book development similar to cookbook, maybe a Poetry book is being discussed.

Staff reports: Staff continues to provide innovative programs to meet the needs of the patrons as various needs arise. They are an impressive group who demonstrate fantastic initiative during difficult times.

Adult services: Suffragettes in Corsetts was a huge success. Multiple programs are running, including Writers' Critique, Fiction & Eco-Centric Book Clubs, Knitting Clinic, Doodle & Kindness Club, Virtual Craft Class and Sketchbook Exchange. In addition, there are author talks, storytelling workshops and origami wreath take and make kits.

Circulation: Moira is designing a new system to check out the Unusual Items and new items have been purchased.

Children': The Periodical Room is full of children's books on display. Kurt Jackson continues to be popular. Bernadette and Kurt are developing a summer program where he will host and children will write their own stories and share them during a virtual storytelling festival. Take and Make kits continue to go out per week. Planning is underway to streamline Adults and Teens into the Summer Reading program.

Teens: Teen Programs continue including Chess Club, Storytelling, and Tarot, Make and Take/Craft & Chat. SAT and ACT virtual practice tests with Princeton Review have been made available as well as poetry Zoom programs for poetry month and On the Road to Driving.

Director's report:

FY21 Budget: All budget lines are in alignment. The library is purchasing more unusual items. Overdrive and Hoopla continue to be popular. The re-opening is going well. A part-time employee has left the library and the library is looking to fill this vacant position.

The board reviewed and took action with addressing patron inappropriate behavior. The Board of Trustees authorized the director of the library to initiate a no trespass order at the director's discretion.

Date of next meeting: The next trustee meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion: L. Feeney A, Second P. Tuths A, Roll Call: J. Shaw Cronin A, K. Cole A, L. Feeny A, D. Merriam A, J. Razza A, Phil Tuths A. Unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shaw Cronin