

Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 25, 2021

Present: Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO), David Turbide (DT), Peter Welch (PW), Lillian Wilson (LW), Meghan Wayss (MW) (arrived at 1:17pm); Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB)

Meeting called to order by JO at 1:00 PM

The first order of business was to approve the corrected minutes from our last meeting on May 26, 2021 Moved by PW, seconded by LW, minutes approved 4 – 0

Treasurer's Report: Spending overall is in line with the budget for this point in the year.

Director's Report: The library is now open 5 days per week for browsing. Curbside delivery is still available but there are almost no calls for this service now that the stacks are open. The trustees agreed that the mask requirement should stay in place for now, in consideration of those who might not yet feel comfortable coming to a place where masks are not required. We are also expecting an influx of Camp Newington visitors who will not be vaccinated and are expected to wear masks at their other indoor activities – we want to be consistent.

The board agreed that it is time to reopen the children's room and bring out the puzzle table (currently stored in the children's room). The director and staff are deciding how best to spend the \$1,088 received from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). Another round of ARPA payments is also expected. In addition, a local business donated \$500 to our summer reading program (Good work Amanda!) officially accepted by the trustees – moved by DT, seconded by PW, passed 5 – 0.

LCB would like to reward the "core 4" employees with a nice dinner out in recognition of the extra work and dedication that got us through the recent trials so successfully. Moved by PW, seconded by LW, approved 5 – 0 to endorse this activity.

LCB has reduced the irrigation system to 3 times per week in consideration of the water shortage and asked the board if this was enough, too little, or should we stop watering the grass altogether. After discussion, the board recommended that we keep to 3 days per week for now and see if the dry weather continues.

Policies: The DVD/BluRay policy was amended to remove conflicting procedures and approved as amended moved by PW, seconded by LW, passed 5 – 0.

Parking lot expansion: The work is largely completed. PW will coordinate with the contractor to schedule re-installation of the irrigation systems in that area of the property. We don't know yet when the light poles and fixtures will be delivered.

JO attended the town forest committee meeting (a library representative was requested to attend). JO reported that there was no business or activity currently going on there that affects the library. He plans to continue his attendance at these meetings.

Board meeting adjourned - moved by JO, seconded by PW, passed 5-0 at 3:03 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 21at 1:30PM, at the library.

Respectfully Submitted: David A Turbide, board secretary