

Langdon Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 19, 2021

Present: Trustees Jack O'Reilly (JO), David Turbide (DT), Catherine Hazelton (CH), Meghan Wayss (MW), Alternate Lillian Wilson (LW); Library Director Lara Croft Berry (LCB)

Meeting called to order by JO at 5:32 PM

The first order of business was to approve the minutes from our last regular meeting on July 21, 2021 and the short interim meeting on August 5, 2021. Trustees also individually and privately reviewed the only printed hard-copies of the minutes of the non-public meetings on February 22, 2021, April 28, 2021, and August 5, 2021 prior to these hard copies being sealed and stored as required. Moved by JO, seconded by DT, minutes approved 5 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: No new treasurer's report but no red flags detected in current operations.

Director's Report: A very active summer reading program has just been completed with 70 participants, 45 kids and 25 adults. The adults read an impressive 105 books this summer, and the kids read an average of 33 out of the 41 possible days! We would like to thank our extremely generous sponsors, Hauch Storage and Beswick Engineering, as well as Dover Bowl, The Beach Plum and John Lamson, who contributed to our prizes. The library experienced a large spike in visits and check-outs this summer. The teen council is starting out very well with new ideas and programs. Given the current uncertainty and rising numbers of infections, there will be no change in the mask-required policy at this time. Trustees voted to accept a \$20 donation (toward prizes for summer reading) moved by C, seconded by LW, passed 5 – 0.

Building Maintenance: The irrigation system restoration after parking lot construction should happen within the next day or two, then the grass can be re-seeded essentially finishing up the project. PW and our advisors are recommending an enhanced drainage system in front of the old building to stop the water incursion through the foundation. This appears to be an affordable solution that can be done quickly. JO moved and LW seconded a motion to allocate up to \$3,500 to complete this project. Approved 5 – 0. Jeremy Nichol, a Newington firefighter, has been helping us out (off duty) with routine repairs and maintenance. He has been exceptionally helpful, completing tasks quickly and thoroughly and we are very pleased to have his help.

Non-Public:

At 6:11 PM, JO moved and MW seconded a motion to initiate a non-public session. Passed 5-0 by roll-call vote.

At 6:45 PM, the non-public session was ended. Moved by JO, seconded by CH, passed 5-0 by roll-call vote.

At 6:46 PM it was moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session in perpetuity. Moved by JO, seconded by CH passed 5-0 by roll-call vote.

Board meeting adjourned - moved by JO, seconded by LW, passed 5-0 at 6:56 PM

Next Meeting: Friday September 10 at 1:00PM, at the library.

Respectfully Submitted: David A Turbide, board secretary