

June 13, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Halifax Board of Library Trustees was held at the Holmes Public Library, 470 Plymouth Street, Halifax, Massachusetts.

PRESENT FROM THE BOARD: Susan Hill; Erin Nagle; Kathy Schiavone; Ellen Snoeyenbos Susan Vogt, Secretary

NOT PRESENT FROM THE BOARD: Pat Michaels, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean Gallant, Library Director;

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm and was being audio recorded

Pledge of Allegiance: Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes.

The meeting minutes of May 9, 2023 were reviewed.

MOTION: by Ms. Nagle to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023 as printed
SECOND: by Ms. Hill
ABSTENTION: by Ms. Snoeyenbos
VOTED

Chair's Report:

No report

Reorganization:

The Board discussed the re-election of officers and agreed on the following:

Patrick Michaels, Chair
Susan Hill, Vice Chair
Erin Nagle, Friends' Liaison
Susan Vogt, Secretary

MOTIN: by Ms. Hill to elect the agreed upon officers to the Library Board of Trustees
SECOND: by Ms. Nagle
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Friends Liaison report:

Ms. Nagle reported the following:

One of the Little Free Libraries has been installed by the Halifax Beach. The other one will be put up soon.

The Friends have purchased passes to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

The Friends will be attending the Pride Celebration on the Town Green. They will have a raffle basket as well as items to give away including book marks. The Holmes Public Library will not be mentioned on any of their material.

Director's Report:

Ms. Gallant reported the following:

Sign – Ms. Gallant met with the Historical Society and they made a few changes on the proposed sign. She provided the Trustees with a mock up drawing. The sign company has not yet issued a final price. Ms. Gallant will contact the company again letting them know she needs a final invoice within the next few days. It is possible two additional quotes will be needed if the cost is greater than \$10,000. This would need to be done before June 30th in order to use the awarded grant funds received from the state.

Earmark - A Hoopla account has been purchased with the Materials budget. Depending on the cost of the sign the grant funds might be used as well to pay for the account. Mad Science may be contacted and the Yoga program is ongoing. Ms. Hill suggested perhaps the “Houses with History” hosts might be contacted to do a presentation at the library. She will reach out to see if there is any interest and get a cost for a possible program.

Programming – The July Schedule has been completed and events included: Big Ryan, Yoga, A ukulele performer, State misquote program, South Shore Community Action for children entering kindergarten. Ms. Snoeyenbos suggested perhaps Wildlands Trust might be able to do a program for patrons.

A new Children's Librarian has been hired.

Summer Reading Update – Story Hours will be done by Rockland Trust, Magical Years,
A grade 3 and 4 program will take place on Tuesday and a book club on Wednesday nights.

The Director's Report will be emailed to the Board prior to meetings beginning in September

The Library Display Policy was provided for review and approval.

MOTION: by Ms. Nagle to approve the Library Display Policy as written

SECOND: by Ms. Hill

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Ms. Gallant would like the library to review one or two existing policies at each upcoming meeting. She will email a copy each policy to be reviewed to the Trustees prior to the meeting.

It was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Vogt, pro tem Secretary, Holmes Public Library Board of Trustees