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## Board of Library Trustees

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Virtual Meeting 7 pm

Present: Dan Hall, Eileen MacDougall, Jim Lemay, Jeff Nussbaum, Kathleen Reynolds, Library Director Tina Stewart, Administrative Assistant Gloria Corcoran. Absent: Don Pearson

Chairman Jeff Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. He read Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c30a Section 18. Chairman Nussbaum did the required roll call of members who were present.

### **Minutes January 19, 2021**

Motion was made by Eileen MacDougall to accept the minutes of January 19, 2021 with a second by Kathleen Reynolds. Roll Call vote to accept: Dan Hall, Jim Lemay, Kathleen Reynolds, Eileen MacDougall, and Jeff Nussbaum, motion passes.

### **Financial and Statistical Report January 2021**

Motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Dan Hall, seconded by Jim Lemay. Roll Call vote to accept: Dan Hall, Jim Lemay, Kathleen Reynolds, Eileen MacDougall, and Jeff Nussbaum, motion passes.

### **Library Director's Report**

Mrs. Stewart reviewed her written report. The library was closed from February 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> due to a positive COVID case. Mrs. Stewart recommended that we not reopen the building to the public until April as long as the virus numbers remain low. Curbside remains busy and virtual programs receive positive feedback from attendees.

CARES Act Grant from the Mass Board of Library Commissioners of \$3360 was awarded to the library. The funds will be used for educational adult and children's programs, children's kits and marketing materials.

Ellen Boyle has developed a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo that will be used to promote this event.

The Friends of the Library will have a virtual Annual Meeting on March 18. Anyone who registers and attends the meeting will be eligible to win a prize.

*The Great Gatsby* has been selected as the book for Wilmington Reads. Events will be scheduled during the summer. The book has recently been released to the public domain resulting in added publicity and tie-ins including a graphic novel version.

The library is hosting a Poetry Contest in March and April. The theme will be *Mother Nature*. The poems will be submitted via the library's Biblioboard platform which will be available on the library's website.

### **Old Business**

Tina Stewart contacted the President of the New England Sculptors Association regarding soliciting proposals for designing a sculpture for the front of the library. She also informed Town Manager Jeff Hull that the Trustees would like to earmark \$20,000 from the Barbara Johnson Trust Fund to purchase a sculpture for the front of the library that would reflect the library's mission and mark its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Hull has indicated that he is not in support of spending this amount of money on public art at this time. The Trustees discussed the matter and agreed that they should not move forward at this time with this initiative without the support of the Town Manager.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Stewart suggested naming the new first floor meeting room after Barbara Johnson. Jeff Nussbaum made a motion to name the first floor meeting room the Barbara Johnson Room, in memory of Barbara Johnson who gave a large bequest to the WML, seconded by Eileen MacDougall. Roll Call vote to accept: Dan Hall, Jim Lemay, Eileen MacDougall, Kathleen Reynolds, Jeff Nussbaum, motion passed unanimously. An article will be added to the Town Meeting Articles for the naming of the room.

Money donated in memory of Hank Stewart to the Friends of the Library was used to enlarge and frame historical pictures of the library. These photographs will be a part of the library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Trustee Comments**

Dan Hall noted that he is on his way to reading 52 books in 52 weeks this year.

Jim Lemay noted that he is looking forward to rereading *The Great Gatsby*.

Kathleen Reynolds indicated that she had vacationed in the southwest and tried to visit libraries, but they were all closed.

Jeff Nussbaum described some of the books that he recently sold online.

Eileen MacDougall noted that she was disappointed in not receiving an explanation as to why the Social Justice Book Group had to be cancelled. Mrs. Stewart indicated that she would have Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood reach out to her.

The next virtual meeting will be Tuesday, March 16, at 7 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 pm by Dan Hall, seconded by Eileen MacDougall. Voted unanimously with a show of hands.

Submitted by,

***Gloria Corcoran***

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Administrative Assistant

Documents used at the meeting:

January Financial Report, Library Statistics

Library Director's Report, Statistical Department Information past 5 years