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Board of Library Trustees

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Tuesday, January 19, 2021, Virtual Meeting 7 pm

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

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 December 15, 2020

Motion was made by Eileen MacDougall to accept the minutes of December 15, 2020 with a second by Dan Hall. Roll Call: voted to accept: Dan Hall, Jim Lemay, Kathleen Reynolds, Don Pearson, Eileen MacDougall, and Jeff Nussbaum, motion passes.

Financial and Statistical Report December 2020

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

Library Director's Report

Mrs. Stewart reviewed her written report. Given the rollback to curbside only on December 7, the number of curbside visits increased from 611 in November to 1011 in December. She noted that staff is taking the opportunity while the building is closed to work on clean-up projects including weeding the collection and updating the library's website.

The library hosted 40 programs in December with a total attendance of 400. Many of the virtual programs hosted by Youth Services staff have a "pick up" component. Staff put together materials that are picked up during curbside hours. Children then use these materials at home as part of the program.

The library is collaborating with WCTV to develop a Welcome to Wilmington video. Eleven Town departments have been invited to make a brief presentation that will be taped by Marketing Librarian Ellen Boyle. We will then invite non-profit organizations to tape a separate Welcome to Wilmington video. The goal is to keep the length of the video to no longer than 10 to 12 minutes.

Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll and Marketing Librarian Ellen Boyle met with Eileen MacDougall to record Eileen's Top 10 Book Picks of 2020. Ellen will edit this video to share on our social media platforms in January.

The Friends of the Library provided a luncheon for library staff on December 15. We welcomed back Ruth Ellen Donnelly on December 22 after a long absence. Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood established a staff Green Committee which will recommend ways the library can be more environmentally friendly.

New Business

Mrs. Stewart proposed purchasing public art for the front lawn of the library as part of the celebration of the library's 150th Anniversary. She asked for Trustees' feedback on a sculpture entitled "Think and Be Free" by Dale Rogers. There was discussion on this piece of artwork. The Trustees asked Mrs. Stewart to investigate other possibilities. There was consensus on the using Barbara Johnson funds up to \$20,000 for this purpose.

Public Comments

None

Trustee Comments

Dan Hall noted that he will be leading his Current Events virtual discussion on January 20. Jim Lemay indicated that he spoke with former Town Moderator, Bob Peterson Jr. regarding possible changes in the Town Meeting format. Jim's suggested changes could not be implemented due to Commonwealth of Massachusetts laws governing town meetings. Kathleen Reynolds noted that the Boston Public Library will be hosting "Repairing America" events in 2021. These events will focus on "racism, anti-immigrant sentiment, homophobia, and other forms of intolerance have divided our nation, while basic issues of public health and pandemic response have become politicized." Mrs. Stewart noted that the library will post a link to these events on the library's Facebook and email newsletter.

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

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:11 pm by Dan Hall, seconded by Kathleen Reynolds. Roll call vote to adjourn: Dan Hall, Jim Lemay, Kathleen Reynolds, Jeff Nussbaum.

Submitted by,

Gloria Corcoran

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Administrative Assistant

Documents used at the meeting:

December Financial Report,

Library Statistics

Library Director's Report

Library Annual Report 2020