

Megan Delehanty-Coslick  
Daniel Hall  
James Lemay  
Eileen MacDougall  
Jeffrey Nussbaum  
Donald Pearson

**Board of Library Trustees**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023, 7 pm**

**Library Banda Room**

**Present:** Trustees Jeffrey Nussbaum, Megan Coslick, Daniel Hall, Eileen MacDougall and Jim Lemay. Library Director Kate Coraccio, Assistant Library Director Danielle Masterson. Absent: Donald Pearson.

Chairman Daniel Hall called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jeff Nussbaum made a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023, seconded by Eileen MacDougall, vote unanimous.

**Financial and Statistical Report:** Trustees asked about two figures on the report. Kate Coraccio said she would look into both numbers and amend the report, if needed. Eileen MacDougall made a motion to accept the Financial and Statistical Report of November 2023 as amended, seconded by Jim Lemay, vote unanimous.

**Director’s Report:**

Kate Coraccio delivered the report.

The Library attended the town tree lighting event – Marketing Librarian Mary Nicholson made a 60” wreath, which served as a photo opportunity, and Kate, Assistant Director Danielle Masterson and Library Associate Rebecca Lowe gave away 500 branded flashlights, novelty glasses, and business cards with QR codes to the library website.

The Library is in the beginning process of applying for a Mind in the Making grant, specifically for Children’s and Youth Services.

Staff attended a professional development session with Worcester Public Library Executive Director Jason Homer.

Kate presented the Library’s new smartphone app – Communico. The app will hopefully be in the hands of our patrons in January.

Kate encouraged Trustees to save the date – Feb. 9, 2023 at 8 a.m. – for a Legislative Breakfast at the library.

**New Business**

Kate presented an updated Meeting and Study Room Policy to the board. The new policy would allow patrons to book the rooms 60 days in advance, with one booking per month. Also, the Johnson Room would be able to be booked for single-patron use, rather than groups of two or more. The Trustees offered minor language edits. Jim Nussbaum made a motion to accept the Meeting and Study Room Policy as amended, seconded by Eileen MacDougall, vote unanimous.

Eileen MacDougall presented information gleaned from a First Amendment Audit workshop she attended.

**Old Business:**

Megan Coslick drafted a letter to the Town Manager about this item in the Trustee Bylaws and state laws and sent to Dan Hall. Board reviewed Megan’s letter. Dan will send letter.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Trustee Comments:**

Jim Nussbaum noted that he will not be able to attend the January meeting due to a prior commitment. He also discussed the Gender Queer controversy in Great Barrington.

Megan Coslick requested that Library staff visit the Storywalk at Rotary Park, one of the displays is very dirty due to the surroundings.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, January 16, 7 pm.

Megan Coslick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Lemay. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by,

*Danielle Masterson*

Danielle Masterson

Documents used at the meeting:

November Budget Summary

November Statistics

Library Director’s Report

Meeting and Study Room Policy