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

**Board of Library Trustee Minutes**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**Library Banda Room, 7 pm**

Call to Order at 7:05 by Eileen MacDougall

Present: Don Pearson, Eileen MacDougall, Jim Lemay, Megan Coslick, Jeff Nussbaum, Library Director Nathalie Harty, Admin Assistant Gloria Corcoran

Absent: Dan Hall

**Minutes of March 18, 2025**

Motion to accept made by Don Pearson, second by Jim Lemay, motion passed.

**Monthly Statistics and Budget for March**

The Mind in the Making LSTA grant is being spent. Jeff Nussbaum asked if we needed more money to add to the grant. Nathalie Harty has advised Nicole Chevalier to spend the LSTA now and it will be spent in a month.

Motion to approve financials and budget summary was made by Megan Coslick, Jeff Nusbaum seconded, motion approved.

**Director’s Report**

In addition to Nathalie’s report, she added that our Adult Services Librarian has booked a program in Pride month. This is a Drag Queen Bingo after hours night for adults only. Nathalie will check to see if we need security for this program. The marketing of this program is going to be specifically for adults. The library should screen for ages 18+. We will establish how we will be putting the registration online.

There is a request in the capital improvement plan for $75,000 to get three replacement AC units at the library.

The sign on the back of the library needs to be replaced because it cannot be cleaned. We will request this, along with a digital sign out front.

Katelyn Steen gave her resignation for the end of the month. Her replacement will start on April 23 (Amy Mahoney). Marie Smyth has been promoted to fulltime Marketing/Internet Technology. The poetry contest has begun. Nathalie will be a judge. Poetry Night is May 7th.

Nathalie reviewed the rest of her report.

**Policy Review**

The Town of Stoneham is experiencing budget cuts. They may close the library, senior center and recreation department. If the library is closed or has significant cuts, it will immediately be decertified. Therefore, the residents cannot borrow from any neighboring towns.

The trustees discussed the language in the policy. “Lending Library Materials to Decertified Communities”.

An interim policy was discussed such as having a cost for decertified towns. Nathalie will see what other towns will be doing and bring that back to the next meeting. The trustees would like the policy to bold what we can do and what we can’t do. We will review the wording on our website about obtaining a card to coordinate the language to match the lending library decertified policy.

**Old Business**

**Director’s evaluation**

The sub committee met for the evaluation. Reviewed all evals submitted and used Nathalie’s self-review.

The goal was to review at this meeting, but this was tabled for the next meeting. EIleen will reword the procedures and email the trustees.

**New Business**

MBLC and IMLS

Nathalie discussed that the government has already started to cut some of the items that IMLS have provided to the state. The MBLC will try to use the budget that they have for now. Accessibility trainings that were available are gone (trainings for Trustees, librarians). Web junction has been cut, and the grant program with libraries working with correction facilities around the state has been cut. Board of Library Commissioners are trying to keep everyone informed.

Some museums’ funding has been cut. (Black history museum in Boston)

The Board of Library Commissioners has a consumer facing website so residents can understand the changes. Nathalie emailed the Town Manager and the Assistant Town Manager to see if we can put this on our website.

**Trustee Comments**

Eileen went to a *hands off demo* – one for library funding and one for students being grabbed.

Jeff said the jewelry sale was great!

Jim thanked Jess and Rachelle for tackling the rush on Friday night.

Megan encouraged people to go to the town meeting. MBTA Communities act is back on. State had to reissue the guidelines for the zoning. State commission on disabilities offer grants to upgrade any items in libraries and if the town isn’t compliant, we can’t get grants. (Could affect our Elevator and hearing loop projects.)

Eileen mentioned a book trivia contest put on by an eagle scout who will be updating the children’s bookstore area.

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm made by Jeff Nussbaum second Jim Lemay. The next meeting is May 20.

Submitted by,

**Gloria Corcoran**
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