

Minutes for Cambridge Library Board of Trustees Meeting

May 25, 2021 10:00 a.m.

Held in person on the lawn of the Cambridge Public Library

Attendees: Clem Crowe, Ken Gottry, Bob Odess, Sue Sawyer, Christina Becker, Mary Laedlein

Absent: Monica Ravreby

Guest: Mary Dee Crowe

Minutes from April meeting were moved to be accepted and passed (KG made motion , seconded byML).

Treasurer's Report given by Bob Odess explained that the "Jennings' Fund was set up when Pat Jennings passed. Subsequently, an amount of \$200 has been donated each year in Pat's memory. This is for children's books. Motion to accept and passed (KG made motion, seconded by SS).

Old Business

Discussion of the painting of the outside windows painting included waiting for an estimate from "Becker". Dean Whitman would charge \$44/hr. Sue will report back.

Mae and Mike Earhart will be painting the doors at the entrance. A question was raised about how many doors they might be painting.

The gardens have been attended to by Melissa Skellie, Sue Sawyer, and Mary Laedlein. A big thank you to Mike and Christina Becker for the mulch to finish things off. The circular garden was weeded, and we will wait to see if the Eagle Scouts are going to complete that area. It was agreed that the benches gazebo need some sprucing up. This is the responsibility of the DPW. To be investigated.

New Business

Ken will be the Grand Marshall of the Memorial Day Parade!
Congratulations to our hometown historian!

Bob attended the SALS Annual Meeting (zoom). He reported that it was brief (1/2 hour). A board member was elected, and everyone celebrated getting through the difficult year.

Christina met with a lawyer to stay up with the new Covid guidelines. She felt that not much was made clear and that smaller libraries are on their own. The honor system regarding vaccinations is in place.

There is concern over the air circulation in the basement. There was agreement that this is a future issue to be addressed. Our architect has “disappeared” due to Covid timing. However, the cost estimate we were presented is good for five years.

As of June 1st, the library will be open 30 hours a week. The pre-Covid schedule will be followed. The issue of gatherings was discussed. All members shared a concern to provide a meeting place for groups that help with Alzheimer s support, aid with health care insurance, etc. These meeting are generally an hour or less. The trustees did not seem ready to open the library for larger groups for a longer period.

Our signage will state **Masks Recommended. Limit of concurrent browsers is lifted. Groups of 5 or less may meet for an hour or less when following the meeting room policy.** This block motion was made by KG, seconded by BO and passed.

Christina shared that the kindergarten, first grade, and third grade students would be visiting the library during June. They will enjoy an

activity, a read aloud, and an opportunity to tour the library. In addition, each child will be able to obtain a library card with information filled in by a parent. They will picnic lunch on the grounds and visit the war memorials.

Kits for Kids has been well received. Live plants and activities to follow will be ready on May 26. Children are signing up for summer reading that will present them with a challenge over the holiday.

Farm to Library has been amazing! Over 115 people have been taken food. The Farm 2 Library is up for an International Award.

The community newsletter was well received. The Library Vote in May received the most votes (School Budget Vote).

Programming is going well. There will be links available for children in the summer: Science Tellers, Hello Art Studio, and Adopt a stuffed animal.

Christina suggested involving Second Chance and perhaps John Katz.

Museum passes will be updated with the lifting of Covid restrictions. We are looking forward to the return of in-person children's programs. A new coordinator was suggested, Bella Dill.

Clem asked to step down from his current position of the Board. He would, however, like to attend meetings. This was agreed on. However, it was asked of Clem to appear before the Village Board, with others, to explain the tax structure of the library.

Canaan Cassano is graduating. He will be attending Saint Rose. He has been a valued employee of the Cambridge Library. A motion was made by ML, seconded by KG to present him with a “graduation gift” of \$100. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 29th 10am

Motion to adjourn KG and ML 11:00