

Minutes for Cambridge Library Board of Trustees Meeting

September 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Held in person on the lawn with zoom option

Attendees: Becca Flynn, Sue Sawyer, Monica Ravreby, Bob Odess, Mary Laedlein, Christina Becker (Ken Gottry on zoom) **Absent:** Gerry Preece

Minutes from August were read and accepted with a motion made by ML and seconded by SS. Financial report was also accepted with a motion made by MR and seconded by SS.

Old Business

CB will stay in contact with Sara Dallas about the charter and the number of board members that we can have. Diane Winter is the point person that CB will provide a copy of the charter when one is secured. Could we increase our board members to 5-11? Need to look at the bylaws. All of this is hoped to be completed by January. CB will reach out after her read through.

Covid changes are still in place at the library. Masks are required.

New Business

Sara Dallas needs to attend a meeting. CB will invite her to the next meeting.

Renovations and improvements will be discussed at the next meeting when SD is here. Discussion involved Paul May's involvement as a library architect. Maybe reach out to Easton Library (Jennifer DiCarlo) to find out about the process and who they used. "Challenge Grant" is an historic grant that might be an option. The plan that we already have from the company before the pandemic can be referred to and used.

Summer Reading was successful. Thirty individuals (24 children, 6 adults) completed sheets for a gift certificate. In addition, there were 54 participants in the Unicorn Break the Cage Program, 31 in Revenge of the Earth Day Robot, and 24 for the Tie-Dye Animal Painting Program. There were 18 Learn to Draw Dog Portrait participants.

Take and Make Kits will be available in October. The Friends have agreed to split support of this program as they did last year, splitting the cost of supplies with the Library Board. A motion was made by ML to accept this and seconded by BO.

Further kits include a fall wreath and a Holiday picture frame.

Book sale room is open and used. Health insurance advise is 1:1, and is open. Spanish conversation group meets at night with BO and might be open for a small group. A question was asked about the woman who meets with Alzheimer support.

Alum meeting once a month with KG are less than 5 people.

Guest speakers, as well as Mahjong, are on hold because of numbers. Same is true for youth group visits.

The Friends of the Library have approved every other Thursday Reading and Art program led by Bella. The program will not be able to start October with in-person children's programs, they may be offered virtually. The Friends also support the Story Hour once that program can begin. Some National Honor Society students, or other seniors who may need community service may be helpful in the virtual Story Hour presentations. CB will follow up with Stephanie Gifford at CCS (NHS advisor).

CB will be working with Jack Scott over the next few weeks to make some updates to our website to ensure that we meet the new NYS Minimum Standards for Public Libraries.

The front doors have been revarnished and look lovely!

All employees are to be presented with an Airborne Infectious Disease Prevention Safety Plan as a requirement for NY Hero Act. A new plan will be put in place.

"Tale Wise" program for 4-8 grade children is a virtual animation workshop that is being investigated by CB. The cost is \$300 per program, and the details need to be sorted out before a decision is made.

The "pantry" is doing well. Recipes are being put in a binder by CB.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 26 at 10:00 (in-person or on zoom)

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 ML seconded by BO

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Laedlein