

Minutes for Cambridge Library Board of Trustees Meeting December 7, 2021
Held in library and zoom 10:00

Attendees: Becca Flynn, Sue Sawyer, Ken Gottry, Monica Ravreby, Gerry Preece, Mary Laedlein, Christina Becker, Bob Odess

Minutes and Treasurer's report were accepted without correction. MR seconded by KG.

CB reported that there are no "regular" programs taking place in the library now. Take away craft bags are available for children.

The book, My Black Friend, became a discussion issue at Cambridge Central School. This poured over into a question of censorship in the community. The book, which is a memoir, is owned by Cambridge Public Library. The library policy is a policy of no censorship -freedom of information.

CB spoke with the staff about keeping personal opinions to oneself, especially while in the library building. This referred to the above-mentioned book, the current mascot discussion, and critical race theory (CRT). It was agreed that when we can meet in person, we should review the Book Selection Policy.

CB will be providing a budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 before the next meeting. We were reminded that if the budget is voted down in May (school budget vote), we receive last year's budgeted amount of funds. Any false or bias information should be counteracted with facts.

SS will send an article through email from Clem Crowe.

Sue and Christina will contact us with the next meeting date: (January 18 at 10:00. This will be held in the library and by zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Laedlein

