



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, June 5, 2023, 7:00-9:00 PM

Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 6/5/23 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Brigette Cameron, Melanie Isett (Chair), Meg Lysy, Alex Nunez, Erin O'Donnell, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Kim Werner, Courtney Wise

ABSENT: Julie Goodrich

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Prince, School Board Liaison

Call to Order at 7:11pm

1. Public comments -none

2. Approval of May 1, 2023 meeting minutes

- Deb Robinson moved to approve, Brigette Cameron seconded and all approved the minutes with the change of the spelling of last name Price to Prince (appears twice in May minutes)

3. Library Director's Report

- Library director had a productive meeting with principal John D'Entremont – the school wants to take more responsibility for the school library program and instruction of the children. MOU is outdated and needs to be reevaluated
- Summer Reading Program- “All Together Now” theme
 - 3 book clubs
 - Converse Crew volunteer crew
 - 3 family and community nights
 - Movies
 - Sticker board
 - Stuffie Sleepover
- Month of May Stats
 - Almost 3000 total items lent this month. Record since the pandemic is 2936 and we came in at 2929.
 - 1,300 visitors through the door



- 83 adults attended programs; 89 attended children's programs
- Separation of School & Public library online catalogs – implications of this change and question about making the two work best for the respective users - still all one catalog, just two entry points
- Tuesday, June 27, 7pm, David Kotz – Lyme resident and Dartmouth provost – is happy to give a talk about AI and its implications
- Emergency plan is on the to-do list
- Blisters for Books fundraiser – October 5 – it will run from 9-11am, not the full day as in years past, based on a request from the school
- SAU is moving out of the library building, potentially in August. They are taking a conference room at the school to create three offices. Their old space will be of great use to the library for tutoring, patron use, and a processing area

4. School Board Liaison- no report

5. Treasurer's Report – no report; Deb is learning the ropes

6. Committee Reports

Technology Committee

- Alex and Judy will get together to get Alex up to speed and to discuss a technology plan.
- Dan Watts, who installed the mesh WiFi system, updated everything recently and let Judy know that the Cloud Key was failing and impacting the internal network. The firmware was out of date and not updateable. He came and replaced and configured it on Sunday, June 4.

Policy Committee – no report

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Erin & Judy

- Spring Cleanup Recap- Judy will ask the Friends if there is money available for hostas and plants for the front of the library
- Tim Cook from the Heritage Commission – looked at the front steps for repair in consideration of a more permanent solution. Russell Wilcox shared the idea of carving down 3 inches into original concrete and lifting the columns up and supporting the portico while replacing the concrete with granite. Tim thinks a great improvement with more longevity. Judy is going to look at getting a bid to cover the cost.



- Update on solar project – approved but delayed. Inspection June 12.
- Exterior painting/lead mitigation begins June 16- the new plantings should hopefully not get trampled or impacted.

7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- Board meeting - August 7th as a potential date for a mini board check in – a poll will be sent to the board to see if we can reach quorum
- Board vacancy [bylaws](#)
 - If a vacancy occurs prior to the expiration of a Trustee's term, the Board shall recommend to the town select board a replacement to serve until the Converse Library Bylaws 1 of 4 February 2, 2009 next election. Once appointed, the new Trustee may also run for the position in the next election.
 - Board encouraged to think about a board replacement for Julie Goodrich
- Update the website to change Deb Robinson to treasurer

8. Upcoming Events

- Monday Movies, 3:15 pm, every 4 Mondays, all school year; last one: 6/5, *The Mitchells vs. the Machines*
- Teatime Tuesdays for Tots, Tuesdays, 10:15 am, with Fauve Dela Cruz, to June 20
- Tech Tuesdays, 3-5 pm
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Club (13+ participants plus me) continues to meet every other Tuesday. New book: *We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland*, by Fintan O'Toole
- Handcrafters Gatherings, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Thursdays, 2-4 pm
- Birthday Book Club: June 7
- Friends of Lyme Library Board Meeting: Monday, June 12, 10:30am
- Summer Reading Program 2023: All Together Now Kickoff, Thursday, June 16, 2-4pm
 - Full summer reading schedule: https://lymenhlibrary.org/srp_2023/
- Artificial Intelligence: Embracing, *with Caution*, the Latest Developments, with Dave Kotz and Soroush Vosoughi. June 27, 7pm, at the library
- Art Show: Connie Filbin, "Images of Home" (pastels), to June 30
- Closed July 1-4, reopening Wednesday, July 5

Meeting Adjourned: 8:32pm



Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy