



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, June 3, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 6/3/24 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Alex Bortolot, Melanie Isett (Chair), Philip Kinsler, Meg Lysy, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Kim Werner, Courtney Wise

ABSENT: Alex Nunez, Erin O'Donnell

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

Call to Order at 7:08pm

1. Public comments

2. Approval of May 6, 2024 meeting minutes

- Phillip Kinsler made a motion to approve and Courtney Wise seconded, all in favor

3. Library Director's Report

- Highlights from the Librarian's Report
 - Additions (1234) and discards (851) from the catalog – 38,403 total (school and library combined)
 - Circulation report: 'through the door' numbers are lower over the past couple of months than they used to be Neighborhood Book Group first meeting was last month and a small group participated
 - Summer reading program: kick-off on Thursday, June 13 from 2-4pm (typically, 130-140 students sign up, and approximately 35% usually submit their reading forms at the end of the summer).
 - Two student book clubs and family nights planned and a fun Super Quest 2024: Libraries Adventure Booklet

Fisher Cats Reading Challenge – you get free baseball tickets for reading!

Treasurer's Report – Judy



- Library checking account update

5. Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Alex B and Phil

- Collection Development Policy reviewed and edited
 - Discussed the ‘why’ of decisions (hardcover vs paperback and the type of book) and self-published area
 - Library does not act *in loco parentis* Request for Reconsideration form will need to be hyperlinked and the language changed
 - Striking through the “see forms” section
- **Meg Lysy made a motion to approve as amended, Courtney Wise seconded and all approved**

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin

- Melanie and Erin updated the landscape in front of the library with perennials, so slow down to admire the grounds!
- Handrails were painted (Benjamin Moore Black Forest Green, HC-187)
- Interior painting update – Judy is planning the date with the painter

Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney and Melanie

- Updated strategic draft plan will be presented prior to the September meeting

7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- Blisters for Books - parent volunteer(s) needed
 - Patience Rich, Sarah Eck, and Erika Breton have been the parent volunteers.
 - A meeting will need to happen with Dr. D to plan for the event
 - Parent volunteer duties include setting up the common the night before, arranging for people to be there, coordinating food, clean-up, etc.

6. Upcoming Events

- Mah Jongg at the Library, Mondays, 1:30-5:00 pm
- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gathering, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group, Neighborhood Book Group - ongoing
- TBA in the Peggy Little Display Case for summer
- Friends Art Show. Matthew Greenway: Recent Landscapes, April 7 - June 29
- Tuesday, June 18, 7 pm. Neighborhood Book Group: The Last Tale of the Flower Bride (copies of the book are available to borrow)
- Thursday, June 13, 2-4 pm. Summer Reading Program Kick-off and Sign-up



- Thursday, June 27, 2-3 p.m. SRP 2024: Whales & Seals with the UNH Marine Docents (ideal for children entering grades K-3).

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm

Next Meeting: August TBD (a Doodle poll will be sent)

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy