

Fairmount Community Library

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

Call To Order

- A meeting of the Fairmount Community Library Board of Trustees was held at Fairmount Community Library and virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- Attendees included Gary Ferner (President), Mike Ranieri (Vice President), Rachel Gibson (Secretary), Mary Clifton (Treasurer), Alison Chamberlain (Board Member), Pete O'Mara (Board Member), Brenda Shea (Library Director), Jennifer Grant (Board Member), and Becky Ponza (Board Member).

Welcome to Our Guests

- Lucille Adorante, President of Maxwell Memorial Library Board of Trustees
- George Mango, Treasurer of Maxwell Memorial Library Board of Trustees
- Denise Headd, Community Relations Director at Fairmount Community Library

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- May meeting minutes were approved unanimously (Peter moved, Mike seconded).

Period for Public Expression

- No members of the public attended the meeting.

Staff Spotlight: Denise Headd

- Denise provided a brief introduction to her background and expertise as it relates to being the Community Relations Director at the library.
- Denise discussed the changes to the website, including branding changes.
- Several highlights Denise promoted include: the summer reading program, which kicks off on 6/21 at the town hall; a storywalk on 6/25 at Camillus Park; an interactive book club for children; yoga for tweens and kids; and an out-of-the-cage petting zoo.
- Fundraising will start to pick up with COVID restrictions lifting; collect gently used books and DVDs and have a sale in the summer or fall. In addition, an annual spring appeal fundraising may be considered in the future; staff will be working towards promoting leaving a legacy and/or a memory of someone.

Treasurer's Report

- Postponed until next month due to a death in Lisa's family (FCL bookkeeper).

Director's Report

- Brenda discussed several activities and events picking up for the summer, including the preschool storywalk in English and Spanish, and summer reading sign-up (online this year).
- Website changes are being implemented, as well as increased functionality for the mobile version of the site.
- There was a name change to the special items collection to "fun items to check out."
- Every Monday through the summer, FCL will be at the farmer's market from 4-7pm, along with Maxwell Memorial Library.

- Looking ahead to offering fall programs, such as baby play.
- The Library is continuing to be aware of social distancing, with staff wearing masks when patrons are in the building, and encouraging patrons to wear masks even if vaccinated.

Old Business

- June 28th Reception Action Items
 - Reception on 6/28 at the Farmer's Market from 6-7pm for four prior Board or staff members (Jeff, Patty, John, and Dick).
 - Becky will get a cake, plates, and forks from Costco; Gary will bring bottled water on ice.
 - Brenda and Gary will give a brief toast for John's years as Library Director.

New Business

- FCL Board will accept donations for a gift card and flowers for Lisa.
- FCL will reinstate fines for overdue books in September; staff will begin to promote it this summer for 9/1.
- Gauging support for FCL Anti-Racism resources
 - The Board discussed providing a "resource corner" on anti-racism; it could be a book club topic as a safe space to come together and talk about current issues.

Any Other Business for the Board

- Maxwell representatives discussed similar thoughts and issues to those discussed by FCL Board at today's meeting, such as fundraising, physical space of the library, grants that are in progress, and joining on promoting anti-racism resources.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM (Mike motioned, Pete seconded).
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2021.