

Fairmount Community Library Board Meeting

Minutes June 17, 2020

Call to order

- A meeting of the Fairmount Community Library Board of Trustees was held virtually via ZOOM conference. Attendees included Alison Chamberlain (Secretary), Gary Ferner (President), Mike Ranieri (Vice President), Pete O'Mara (Board member), Brenda Shea (Library Director),-and Jennifer Grant (Board Member) and Rachel Gibson (Board Member). Patty Cherry (treasurer) was not present. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Public Expression

- None, as the meeting was held virtually due to the library closure.
- Patrons were advised to email if they wanted to participate virtually in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Available on Website
- Discussion of Payroll Protection Program loans and whether it would be appropriate to seek application on behalf of FCL

Follow up

- How long do we want to do zoom meetings?
 - Possibility of holding a socially distanced meeting in July
- Re-opening
 - Soft-launch on 6/10
 - Official launch was 6/15
 - Team is communicating well
 - Texts are being sent to patrons to alert them of book-hold availability
 - Discussions are taking place among OCPL regarding full re-opening and how to ensure a safe capacity
- News of new director
 - Facebook post has been well received
 - Eagle newspaper has published announcement
- Website
 - new website launched on 6/10
 - ability to send e-newsletter
 - JobNow by BrainFuse has been added to the website to provide career resources.
 - Literacy grant will pay for JobNow
- All summer programs
 - Plan for curbside summer reading program
 - Update will be provided in July

- Curbside books and educational activities will be provided
- Staff return
 - Staff have been busy. There is a lot to do with the return.
 - There is now a cell phone for the staff to text/email patrons
 - Adjustments will have to be made, but things are going well.
- New community relations director hired
 - Denise Headd
 - Part time PR
- JobsNow
 - contract was signed by John
- Preschool and toddler storytime coordinator hired
 - Karen Notte
 - She is a former teacher and has a Master's Degree in literacy
 - Focusing on picture books with diverse characters and challenging plots
 - Appx 3-4 hours per week
- Referendum funding was approved
 - Paul Pelton says that there will not be a delay in receipt of funds
- Board Development
 - Board is reminded to watch the video training sessions previously provided
 - Expansion of the board in an ongoing goal, including committees and the board wants to focus on widening the diversity of members of the board
 - Setting larger goals as well as short term objectives is important
- Discussion regarding funding
 - The board is interested in re-visiting the issue of town funding, even on a small scale
- PPE
 - Sneeze guard has arrived
 - Staff is following guidelines and has all equipment

Action Items

- None

Board Approval(s)

- None

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:49PM. **The next scheduled meeting is July 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**