

Minutes August 19, 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), Mike Ranieri (Vice President), Pete O'Mara (Board member), Brenda Shea (Library Director), and Rachel Gibson (Board Member), Jennifer Grant (Board Member) were present. Gary Ferner (President) and Patty Cherry (Treasurer) were not present. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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.

### **Director's report**

- Re-opening
  - Curbside has been going well. Thursday hours have been expanded.
  - Scanning, copying and printing has begun, also with contact-free pickup.
- Summer reading, libraries in the age of COVID
  - FCL will have feature story in Family Times magazine
- Disturbances in the parking lot
  - Teens have been loitering in the parking lot
  - Cutting the wifi at night has alleviated the issue considerably
    - We want patrons to have access to the wifi, even during "off hours".
  - Brenda has discussed with Camillus PD
  - Brenda is hopeful that once school starts and the weather cools down, the issue will resolve and the wifi can stay on at night again.
- Job Now
  - The launch of Job Now is happening.
  - A press release has gone out.
  - Job Now is funded through a grant.
  - The original intent was for Job Now to be an "in person" option at the library. Since the shut down, the library has re-focused the grant to be utilized via the internet.
- Creative Bug
  - Online crafting videos for adults
  - Will be available through FCL
- Special collection expansion
  - Baking pans and frosting tips
- Social media numbers are up

- Circulation numbers are good, down a bit from last year at this time, but that's understandable due to the pandemic
  - Suggestion to offer "bundles" of children's books based on child age and interest
- Farmer's market
  - Summer reading prize program ended two weeks ago
  - Outdoor programming at the farmer's market will continue as long as possible
  - Mondays at 6pm, children's storytime outdoor at the farmer's market
  - Fall learning kits
- Fall learning and preschool programming
  - Curriculum will be available through the library for preschool and kindergarten learning to help homeschool families
  - The curriculum will be curbside, contact-less pickup
- Adult programs
  - Programs through Symphoria and the Everson will be available in the fall

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Will be available on Website

#### **Follow up**

- Board Development
  - Posting seeking new board members will be circulated on Facebook and in the fall newsletter

#### **Other**

- Reopening
  - Discussion regarding continued curbside or reopening. Brenda has been considering a continuation of curbside pickup, looking ahead as a precaution with the unknown nature of the virus
  - possibility of expanding curbside services to include copying, scanning, later pickup hours, etc.
  - All OCPL directors are taking different approaches to reopening

#### **Action Items**

- None

#### **Board Approvals**

- July meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter at 7:51 pm.

Board members returned from executive session and the meeting adjourned at 7:57PM. **The next scheduled meeting is September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**