

Brunswick Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2021

Attendees: Dan Casale, Laurel Colasurdo, Maureen Cox, Alix Duggan, Sara Hopkins, Tom Mahoney, Jen Mainello, Kevin Mainello, Matt Perfetti, Anne Poletto, Jennifer Shatz, Kelley Triscari

Excused: Marthe Ann Gabey

Call to order 6:00 PM

Approval of May 2021 minutes – Motion to accept by Tom Mahoney; seconded by Maureen Cox; all in favor; motion carried. Laurel asked if any more information on the bulk mailing permit was discovered. Maureen thought that it was done through the printer.

Treasurer's Report – Expenses are being handled. Money was transferred to spending to cover May through July. The Friends turned over \$1,183.43. This will be enough to cover the stipend amounts for this year, but we will need to increase fundraising. We are using SEFCU bonus points for purchases. The Finance Committee approved the Treasurer's Report for March; seconded by Jenn Shatz; all in favor; motion carried.

Director's Report – Sara applied for the McCarthy grant; we could apply to NYS and would qualify for a 75% match; we don't have a critical need for anything. The sale of the reusable bags at Hannaford brought in \$107. Ancestry is coming back, since the UHLS funding was restored. There is a new app for physical checkouts in the works. The tech help service has started back up. Story Time on the lawn had a good turnout. Garden Day was a success. We are now getting about 80 people in a day. DOS is processing the paperwork for passport applications to resume. As patrons come back into the library, they are raving about the new layout. Alix asked how attendance numbers compared to prior years. Sara said that we are close to 2019 numbers; things are coming back. We still haven't confirmed that Stewart's will be at the July 10th event, so Sara will reach out to a different contact. Laurel asked about museum passes. Sara said they are expensive and not used as often as books, so they aren't cost effective. She can look at check out stats and see what passes other libraries use.

Committee reports

Building and Grounds – Thanks to Tom and Kevin for fixing the sidewalk and doing the groundskeeping. Alix said she has also been hearing a lot of positive comments about the new library space, especially how bright it is. The contractors for the bathroom have been delayed, but it should only be a two-week project. We are waiting to hear from the county on a septic evaluation; however, there shouldn't be a problem. Additional top soil is needed for plantings. We may ask for a donation, then look for plants.

Annual Appeal/Fundraising – Through today, the mailing has brought in over \$4800; the full October mailing brought in \$11,000. In the past, Garden Day brought in \$1400 to \$1700. This year the grand total was over \$2800 (plants > 1300, bake sale > 760, books/puzzles > 350, BBQ > 400). It might be better to have the BBQ separate from Garden Day, maybe as part of an Oktoberfest. We need to check the school calendar. There was a suggestion for having a lower cost meal, but it would require us to cook. A few people stopped in and said it was good; others asked if there could be a pulled pork choice. We might try Pig Pit again. The Fundraising

committee will meet. Jude White is coordinating the volunteers for doing the 50/50 at the town concerts.

Nominating – Laurel and Dan met with Grace Kosinski. Maureen Cox moved to have Grace fill Derrick Foster's unexpired term for this year and next year, Alix Duggan seconded; all in favor; motion carried. She would then have the option of starting her own two 3-year terms.

Old business

Reopening plan – nothing has changed with UHLS recommendations. We are following state library and school guidance.

McCarthy Grant – no change

New Business

Friends/shed – Alix asked what happens to the shed now that the Friends have disbanded. Sara said that it is still being used for curb-side pickup. There is also a self-service book sale. We are taking donations, especially of puzzles and board games. We could also have yard sale items. There had been talk of looking for a volunteer to run larger book sales, but this basically runs itself. If there is extra grant money, we could see about running electricity to the shed.

Next meeting – 7/20/2021 at 6 PM.

Next Town Board meeting – 7/08/2021 at 7 PM. Alix and Kevin plan to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM as moved by Maureen Cox, seconded by Laurel Colasurdo; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Poleto