

Brunswick Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2022

Attendees: Maureen Cox, Alix Duggan, Sara Hopkins, Grace Kosinski, Kevin Mainello, Matt Perfetti, Anne Poleto, Jennifer Shatz, Andrea Wedler

Excused: Dan Casale, Marthe Ann Gabey, Tom Mahoney, Jen Mainello, Kelley Triscari

Call to order 6:01 PM

Approval of June 2022 minutes – Motion to accept by Alix Duggan; seconded by Maureen Cox; all in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The financial statements were circulated via email. This month's report was limited. There are no concerns.. The Finance Committee moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for June; seconded by Jenn Shatz; all in favor; motion carried.

Director's Report – The full report was distributed via email. A link to the UHLS Annual Report was sent via email; a few of the hard copies were circulated. The Summer Reading Program was launched. On July 8th, there was a Quilt Show reception. The Civil War program was on July 9th. Medieval Day was on July 16th. The group would be happy to do more programs and offered a Medieval dinner. They would like to use the Library building after hours for dance practice. Sara said that they are a very respectful group and she would make sure that we are on their insurance. Alix noted that the building is structured for dead load, not live load, so it wouldn't be good if there were a lot of stomping/jumping. Sara is going to ask some follow up questions. It was agreed that their use of the field after hours is fine. Two clothing swaps are scheduled; children in August and adults in September. Alix asked about the financial numbers in the Annual Report. Sara replied that we are not well-funded, ranking 25th of 29 libraries, and the staff is burnt out. It was noted that we do very well with what we get. Maureen reminded us that if we went to the school, then school taxes would go up. Our fundraising efforts are going well. Sara didn't think it was ever imagined that the library would get this big. Kevin thought it would be good to know what funding other libraries received from their municipalities. It was agreed that an ad hoc committee to discuss options should be created and ideas brought to the September meeting.

Committee reports:

Building and Grounds – We're still waiting for money to get new gutter downspouts. Also, we're waiting for the check to repair the damaged corner near the desk. The bathroom floor should be fixed tomorrow. Nothing new to report on the sidewalk to the shed. Alix wants to talk to the electrician about a convenience outlet on the electronic sign.

Annual Appeal/Fundraising – The committee is reaching out to food trucks. Two more authors and a band have been signed up. A cat rescue is doing a green screen photo booth. They also want to use the study room as a meet and greet for cats and adoptees. There was a discussion

about allowing cats in the building, since many people are allergic. Per policy, it's up to Sara's discretion but she was going to see if they could do something outside instead.

Human Resources – Jenn Shatz moved to include marijuana with tobacco as being forbidden on Library grounds in the Facilities Use Policy. Maureen Cox seconded; all in favor; motion carried. The Video and Photography policy was updated to address the concerns about people filming and claiming that it is their first amendment right. The proposed policy limits interference, but is content neutral. Jenn recommends that this policy be adopted to supersede the old one. Maureen Cox moved to adopt the new policy, with a clarification in the fourth paragraph that it is filming/photographing by non-library staff. Alix Duggan seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

Technology – Sara will make a list of board members' preferred email addresses.

Nominating – nothing new to report

Old Business:

Google Docs demo – try to schedule when everyone is available

Town Concert – the 50/50 from the first concert made almost \$600. The next concert is 8/9 and Anne, Jenn, Maureen, Andrea, and Jenn Mann are planning to be there. More people are always better. Anne said that she created a document in the Fundraising folder with tips for doing the 50/50.

New Business:

Braver Angels petition to Sara and BCL – Bill Ernst, a town resident, provided background information about the group and why they feel what they do is important. The proposal for the Library was to host skills workshops focusing on interaction among people with opposing views. He will provide Sara with more information and references from other libraries. No decision was made at this meeting.

Little Free Libraries – Matt mentioned that the one at Tamarac is in rough shape. Maureen gave Sara a contact in the Boy Scouts who might be able to arrange for repairs.

Next meeting – 9/20/2022 at 6 PM; we typically skip August.

Town Board meetings –8/11/2022 at 7 PM, with Kelley attending and 9/8/2022, with Marthe Ann attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM as moved by Maureen Cox; seconded by Jenn Shatz; all in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Poleto