



Board of Trustees
Georgetown Peabody Library
2 Maple Street
Georgetown, MA 01833

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN PEABODY LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
Held on Zoom during Coronavirus Shut-down
Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Present: Mary Saunders, Michelle Brock, Kevin Moran, Chris Laut, Sue Clay, Sue Clohecy, and Children's Librarian Cathy DeWitt

Absent:

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

Minutes: Sue Clay moved to accept the November 10, 2020 minutes. Sue Clohecy seconded. Unanimous approval.

Old Business:

COVID-19 Discussion:

- Update about Governor Baker's return to previous phase of Stage 3. This rollback doesn't impact what we are currently offering to our patrons.

Director's Report:

- The electrician will be replacing the burned-out lights. There are two lights in the lobby that will need a lift.
- **Bats:** Freedom Pest will remove the one-way entrance and seal it. They will also clean the droppings in the attic. No date for completion set as of yet.
- The custom cabinets for the local history room are ready. They will be delivered the week of Christmas and installed January 14th. Michele has not heard back from the town about the contract and payment yet. Chris asked if we might want to contact the press. Need to take before and after pictures and then when completed we will make plans to contact them. We will revisit this thought at next month's meeting
- Ruth sent all the information for the COVID FEMA reimbursement to Officer Hatch.
- Haley is applying for a small Cultural Council Grant for a summer program with the

"Henna Lady".

- **STEM grant updates:** A lot of the materials to be loaned out have been purchased including science kits, robots, building kits, circuitry kits, and science-based board games.
- The National Geographic Kids database has been purchased and will go live Wednesday with access to all parts of the website. This is a yearly fee. If it is successful, Cathy and Sarah will consider repurchasing again. Cathy will promote on the website and through the schools.
- Sharon will be working from home while she is in quarantine as she was exposed to someone who is COVID positive. The Board of Health recommended she get a test in 8 days. She can come back when her test is negative.
- State Aid will be increased by 20% this year according to the Library Commissioners emails we received this month. More information to come.

New Business:

Skating Rink:

- Put on hold as the Board of Health has denied the Park and Rec's request for a skating rink. Maybe next year they will make a presentation to the Trustees about their plans.

Foyer Roof:

- The roof in the foyer has been leaking again near the skylight due to driving rain and wind. It allowed water to flow into the atrium windows again. Cathy will follow up with Sarah to get some ideas on who to call if it needs to be attended to before another major driving storm.

Friends Report:

- No report as the Friends did not meet in December.

Bills/Payroll Report:

- Kevin continues to sign bills/payroll warrant sheets.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM.

Sue Clohecy moved; Sue Clay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Prepared by Michelle Brock on December 10, 2020.

Next meeting: January 13, 2021