



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

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN PEABODY LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Present: Sue Clay, Chris Laut, Kevin Moran, Aimee Hamelin, and Children's Librarian Cathy Dewitt

Absent: Sue Clohecy, Megan Lichty

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM.

Old Business:

Congratulations to Sarah and Kevin on the birth of their baby, Alice.

Minutes:

- Kevin Moran makes a motion to accept the minutes for the June 7, 2023 meeting. Chris Laut seconds. Unanimously approved.

Director's Report:

Preservation Assessment Grant:

- James Reid-Cunningham completed the preservation assessment. He sent a report to protect and promote the special collections to Sarah, who forwarded it to Michele Augeri.

Summer Reading Programs:

- The program has been busy. 213 kids, 17 teens, and 74 adults enrolled so far. Programming has been going pretty well so far. Children's room is busy all-day.
- There has been some confusion over required reading assignment for Penn Brook, so librarians have been providing many help on that. The Library has ordered extra HS books, which are now available. Kyle Coston has on his calendar to talk with the middle school in the fall to possibly change the 8th grade book assignments.

Patron Behavior:

- A group of students have been disruptive in the Library very often, getting kicked out many days. The Library made the decision to tell the kids they cannot return until they have brought a parent with them. The police know about these kids and it is happening all around town, including the Youth Center. They have not returned.

FY2023 Budget:

- Cathy Dewitt received an email from Mary from town hall that she did pull \$1,314 from state aid to cover payroll, as per Sarah's conversation with her. This was due to the increase in hours on Thursday.

Chris Laut moves to approve the Director's report. Kevin Moran seconds. Unanimously approved.

New Business:

A/C issues:

- The A/C has not been keeping up with the doors opening so often. Sue Clay, Kevin Moran, and Cathy Dewitt talked about changing the thermostat to help the humidity. Temperatures are set at 74, but if needed, it can be lowered now.

Staffing:

- Jodie Slomsky and Deanna Keevan are going to cover needed hours this summer. Ruth Shores will be out next month, but everyone is making it work.

Summer Concert Series:

- Concert series at the library starts July 19. Someone found last year's schedule online somewhere, but it is indeed correct on the official Library website.

Monthly Reports:

Friends Report:

- No meeting this month.

Bills/Payroll Report:

- Sue Clay has been doing the bills and they have been signed, including one for the end of the fiscal year.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Kevin Moran makes motion; Chris Laut seconds. Unanimously approved.

Prepared by Aimee Hamelin on July 12, 2023.

Next meeting: August 9, 2023 at 7PM.