



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

MINUTES OF THE GEORGETOWN PEABODY LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Present: Sue Clay, Chris Laut, Megan Lichty, Aimee Hamelin, Reference Librarian Michele Augeri, Kevin Moran (arrived at 8PM), and Library Director Sarah Cognata

Absent: Sue Clohecy

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Old Business:

Minutes:

- Postponed acceptance of meeting minutes from August until next month.

Director's Report

Staffing:

- A new page job and substitute position will be posted when Sarah Cognata returns.

Summer Reading Program:

- Huge turnout at the finale event: 250 slushies given out.
- Everyone worked very hard this summer, and credit is given to Cathy DeWitt for keeping things smooth and running.
- Adults - 85 registered with 151,909 minutes read.
- Teens - 20 registered with 31,077 minutes read.
- Kids - 247 registered with 239,193 minutes read.
- Fall programming for teens has begun and the children's programs will begin the last week of September.

Patrons:

- With school starting again, large groups of students arrive after school.
- Discussion about how to handle and identify banned patrons moving forward.

New Business:

- Sarah Cognata, Library Director, would like to discuss a new work schedule.
 - She returns on Monday, September 18th. She will hire substitutes and work on staffing issues.
 - Discussed options for the Library Director's return to work.
 - Special meeting on Monday, September 25 at 6PM to discuss further.

Monthly Reports:

Friends Report:

- Friends want to ask Sarah Cognata some questions upon her return.
- Book sale is happening September 14-17th.

Bills/Payroll Report:

- Kevin Moran did payroll.
- Spending is low. Michele Augeri wants to switch from ordering from Ingram to Baker and Taylor. Baker and Taylor has better customer service. Ingram sales rep could not even answer questions about missing books and starting to charge odd fees.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Chris Laut makes motion; Megan Lichty seconds. Unanimously approved.

Prepared by Aimee Hamelin on September 13, 2023.

Next meeting: September 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM.