

Brownell Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Agenda
Essex Junction, Vermont 05452
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:00pm
By phone or online with GoToMeeting, login information below.
Recording Secretary for this meeting: Beth Custer

In attendance: : Christine Packard, Wendy Hysko, Sheila Porter, Helen Donahey, Beth Custer, Dottie Berghendal, Ann Wadsworth, Linda Costello, Joe Knox, Jeanne Grant, Andy Kolovos, Megan Allison, Fatima Khan.

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Christine Packard

Agenda Changes/Deletions:

No changes

Minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2020:

- Change that the \$3,000 contribution be sent to the foundation for the Albert Bergendahl instead of the library.
- correct the spelling of Jeanne Grants name
- add First to the Wednesday program title to read First Wednesday Programs.
- Clarify that Wendy J got a gift certificate for her being a long time staff that is departing the library.

Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Jeanne second, the minutes were accepted.

Financial Report

Checking account- \$2,271.17

CD- \$2,822.08

All of First Wednesday's are covered by the Foundation and 2 businesses.

Everything is on track, we are about half way through the fiscal year.

Dottie made a motion to accept the minutes, Linda C. second, passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Megan sent out summer tee shirt order forms to board members.
- The youth diversity reading program is going well. They had a little push back on the LGBTQ characters, but had a wonderful conversation with the patron and they still check out materials from the library.
- Brownell will have a subscription to Consumer Reports online starting February 1st.

Reports Library Director and Staff Report:

- We talked about what the “new norm” will be on the other side of COVID and how that will shift library functions.
- The Board would like to acknowledge Rick Jones and all of the help he has given to the library the last few months.

Committee Reports:

No committees

Foundation Report:

Look forward to using the pavilion in the future.

Plan to meet via Zoom Monday January 25th 2021 and have meetings the 4th Monday of the month.

Old Business:

Update on discussion of plan for libraries pending merger vote

March 2nd Town meeting day vote by mail, expecting larger turn out.

Pavilion update:

Great so far, multiple electrical plugs on posts, feel it will be used a lot when the weather gets warmer.

COVID library operations update:

Will remain the same with curbside pick up only.

Staffing updates:

Interviews for the tech services assistant are continuing.

New Business:

Discussion of possible municipal stipend for elected boards is being discussed with the town.

Election of Library Board officers:

President- Christine Packard

Vice President- Andy Kolovos

Financial report- Joe Knox

Secretary of records-Sheila Porter

Dottie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sheila seconded, meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Minutes submitted by Beth Custer