

Canton Public Library (CPL)
Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting
Official Public Records Minutes
Tuesday, Aug 15, 2023
6:00 PM

Members (Present):

Kate Bevens, Stephanie Chancellor, Phyllis Dean, Heather Feldkamp, Katie Marney, Patti Meldrum, Esa Seegulam, Beth Weaver, and Mary Kay Lane.

Call to order:

Meldrum called the meeting to order.

Public Comment:

None

Approval of Agenda and June Minutes:

Feldkamp moved to approve the June minutes and agenda (pending edit: amend agenda to reflect that Jeff McReynolds unable to attend today; will discuss ballot initiative in lieu); seconded by Dean. Approved.

Approval of June and July Financial Reports:

Chancellor moved to approve the financial report. Feldkamp seconded. Approved.

Friends Report:

Director Lane discussed future events.

Director's Report:

- We received a nice letter from the Community Foundation.
- Discussion about assessment of asbestos situation and second opinion.
- We received \$2000 from the Community Foundation for the Community Grant Director Lane applied for in April. Discussion about prioritization.
- Summer Reading recap: 219,919 minutes read. Kids aged 6-11 have room for improvement in reading and in program attendance.
- Recently updated policies live on the website including those that address the Administrative Rule. More will be updated as they are addressed.

- Discussion about personnel schedules.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Board vacancy:

- Opening due to Shawn Walling's departure. Discussion of possible candidates.

Ballot initiative to increase library tax:

- Discussion about best time to begin public discussions (about 2 months before initiative).
- Discussion about advocacy vs. informational campaigns, processes, etc.
- Everyone should think of a list of questions for Jeff McReynolds re: ballot initiative.

Mission and Vision Statements:

- Send drafts of mission statements to Director Lane for distribution and review ahead of September meeting

Adjournment:

Seegulam moved to adjourn the meeting. Chancellor seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be on Tuesday September 12 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
M. Esa Seegulam
Secretary