

The Dover Town Library Trustee Board Meeting, July 20th 2021 - Minutes

Meeting started at 12.05pm

In attendance: Laurence Gagnon-Migauskay, Erin Rodat-Savla, Judy Schulz, Tracy Tobin, Adrian Hill, Cheryl Abdullah.

Mrs. Schulz opened the meeting and welcomed all back to an in-person meeting. After the challenges of recent events, all expressed support and gratitude for the Director.

Director's Report:

The Director shared that there had been many expressions of support and gratitude from patrons. She shared that she and the team are dealing with some building maintenance problems. Plumbing, electricity, and internet are all proving unreliable. She is working with the Town Hall to try and resolve.

The last of the pending hires has been completed, resulting in four brand new personnel and several other internal job description adjustments/shuffles.

The Town-wide HR reclassification project will be starting soon -the Director is looking forward to the fruits of that work and the clarity that will result. The Town last updated these issues back in 2005.

The Director expressed thanks for Chris Dwelley's continuing work on updating protocols and improving best practices on many levels for the Town and for the Library.

Some discussion about how the Town IT coordinator, Dave Sullivan, is a little overwhelmed resulting in some continuing challenges on IT issues for the day to day needs of the Library – the Trustees asked the Director to be full in her communication with the Town Hall on how vital reliable IT is for the Library.

Public foot-flow in the Library has been steady, with some recent days busier than normal summer days.

Super Awesome Fun Time story-telling is held outside and attracting more than 70 attendees every time. In September this will move back inside.

Ms. Abdullah agreed to speak to Mark Ghiloni, Director of the Park and Rec. Commission, about the Trustees' question about improving the flower beds and shrubbery maintenance and then will revert back to the Trustees at the next meeting.

Friends Update:

All positions in the Friends' new Board have now been finalized.

The meeting schedule has changed to second Monday of the month, 9am.

Excellent news was shared that \$35k+ raised in the Friends' Appeal, \$7k more than last year. Approximately 200 households have donated to the Friends in this appeal

The bookplate initiative is now closed until September.

A date of September 11th has been decided for Dover Days.

The Donor Wall will be updated in Q4, with an unveiling event for large donors possibly to coincide with the return of the Peabody statues. There will be a mailing on the next Appeal to be sent after Columbus Day, as 2020, to repeat the success of last year.

There are no plans to do a book sale in the immediate future.

Cheers for Books' decision and date is TBD.

The Friends are working on how to connect optimally with families' who have moved into Dover recently.

Any Other Business:

A gentleman, Dennis Wild, from Nashville, TN reached out to the Director recently to let her know that his father was the model used for the "boy on the horse" Peabody sculpture! We will invite him to the lecture event (with the restorer) that we hope to hold in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 1.15pm.