

Medway Library Trustees - Meeting Minutes - 11.01.2022

Present:

- Library Trustees: Julie MacEvoy, Nutan Matthews, Greg Peverill-Conti, Lisa Sheehan, John Scott Smith, and Margaret Perkins (Library Director)

Call to Order: 7:07

Following the call to order, a discussion of who attends meetings and why we see so little participation in library meetings.

Nutan makes a motion to approve the October minutes. Julie seconded, and all voted in favor.

Discussion of book challenges and Greg brought up the Goddard policy and mentioned he would see about getting their policy.

Citizen Speak:

- Greg mentions interactions with Boy Scouts regarding their library use
- A brief discussion of cake pans (not sure how that happened) and the fact that Millis has some in its Library of Things collection
- Julie brings up a patron issue with the mobile site
 - Discussion of the current site, its limitations, and resources applied to the site
 - This led to a lengthy discussion about mobile websites, exploration of several library mobile sites
 - Greg suggests that consideration of the mobile site should be part of a broader consideration of the library's digital presence
 - Julie would like to be able to go back to the patron to let them know we're looking into the situation
 - Margaret to check with the library's current web person to see how a solution might be implemented

New Business:

- Discussion of facilities survey feedback
 - Concern with some of the results and how the library might prepare for acrimony
 - The fact that the results are directional but not prescriptive

- In context, the Capital Expense team visited the library, and the topic of the property east of the rear parking lot was discussed
- Substantial donation
 - \$60,000 donation made as a memorial gift
 - Not designated for a specific purpose

Old Business:

- Facilities status
 - The window has, unfortunately, closed for providing feedback to the facilities committee
 - Discussed that it's more important to invest the time for future planning
 - Greg suggested that this kind of planning might be best done through a committee, which led to a discussion of the possibility of committees for the board

Incident Report:

- No incidents

Budget Report:

- An issue has come up with Margaret's access to a municipal management system that is tied, somehow, to her email, which needs to be updated
- Lisa asked about the cost of heat and electricity as winter approaches, and prices go up. This led to a broader discussion:
 - Margaret is more concerned about the heat
 - The library has been trying to get solar for 10 years
 - The Sustainable Library Initiative
 - The uncommon situation where the utilities are the responsibility of the library rather than the town
- Greg asked about fines and technology access fees
 - Fines were waved for children and then adults
 - Lost items still need to be paid for
 - 25 pages can be printed for free
 - The library was making too much money with the fax and so kept lowering the fee until it hit zero

Director's Report:

- Topics discussed:
 - School drop-off program
 - Current ILS (Sierra) and plans to evaluate alternatives (at the network level); open source is being considered
 - The Indigenous Peoples Committee is giving the library \$1000 to purchase relevant resources

Greg moves to adjourn, all are in favor.

Meeting Adjourns: 8:18