

Solomon Wright Public Library
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes, 8/24/2022

Call to order at 6:32 pm

Action items:

Acceptance of June meeting minutes

Move to accept as written: Kaitlyn

Second: Julius

All in favor: motion passed

Acceptance of Library Director's resignation

Board accepts Jen's resignation with thanks for years of service and best wishes for her future endeavors.

Addition of Tiffany Whitney as Trustee and Treasurer

Trustees are eager to welcome Tiffany Whitney to the board and grateful for her willingness to take on the role of Treasurer. She seems highly qualified and enthusiastic.

Motion to appoint Tiffany Whitney to the Board of Trustees in the role of Treasurer (all accounts to be updated to add Tiffany's name): Willy

Second: Jim

All in favor: motion passed

Addition of Richard Williams as Trustee

Trustees are eager to welcome Richard Williams to the Board. (Thanks also to Jim Boutin for his recruitment efforts on behalf of the library.)

Motion to appoint Richard Williams to the Board of Trustees: Jim

Second: Kaitlyn

All in favor: motion passed

Discussion Items:

Director's Report

Director's Report highlighted:

- Increase in patron visits in June and July 2022 (up by nearly 200 visits from 2021).
- Summer programs for adults and children were successful and well attended.
- Art exhibits have been received well, patrons are beginning to look forward to seeing what's next.
- The library's presence at the Celebrate Pownal event was popular, with the addition of 16 new patrons, \$85 in raffle basket sales, 25 craft kits distributed, etc (thanks Mary and Willy for running the booth).
- Representatives from VTLIB, including the new State Librarian, recently visited the library and had positive comments on our services and building.
- Two new volunteers are training, another has expressed interest.
- ARPA round one grant reporting is completed; round two spending and reporting will hopefully be completed before Jen's last day.

Paving

The board discussed the recent paving project. Mintrone Paving completed the work on Thursday, August 18. It looks great! Lines will be painted next and after some discussion the board agreed that we will include one "handicapped" space.

Renovation Update

Mary noted that Scot Wells will be coming back to complete the rest of the work for the outdoor portion of the renovation (doors, walkway, etc.). There should be funds leftover after completion of all work.

Book Sale

The board will need help to organize and run this year's book sale, scheduled for November 5. Mary will reach out to a local resident who may be interested.

The shed is full of books. Some are already packed for Better World Books, some need to be. The rest are leftovers from last year's sale and will be added to the books for this year's sale to give them a second chance to sell before being shipped out. Jen will work on finishing to prepare the BWB boxes and leave the rest for the book sale organizers to sort.

Potential Lottery Ticket Fundraiser

The board agrees that a lotto ticket fundraiser is a good idea, but needs someone to spearhead the project. The library should set up a Venmo account and sell digital tickets. Perhaps Tiffany can figure that out?

Other Business:

Thanks to Jim for raffling off a case of wine at the Bennington Home Brew Fest and donating the proceeds to the library!

Thanks to Bob for having note cards printed for the library!

Thanks to the Case family for a recent monetary donation! Much appreciated and very helpful.

Thanks to an anonymous donor for the monetary donation that covered the cost of exterior painting!

Kaitlyn wants to make sure the library continues its collaboration with the school. Some ideas discussed were

- After school bus?
- Wednesday programs to coincide with the school's half days?
- Student art exhibit?

Jen suggested postponing sending library card sign-up sheets and children's services pamphlets home with students until a new director is in place. Kaitlyn says that would be better anyway so as not to inundate parents with too much paperwork at the beginning of the year.

Board entered executive session at 7:26

Board returned to regular session at 7:49

No action taken

Meeting adjourned at 7:49