

Solomon Wright Public Library Trustees Meeting

October 4, 2021 6:30pm

Present: Bob Case (virtually), Karen Gallese, Kaitlyn Hunt (virtually), Willy Jones, Becca Martin (virtually), Mary Natalizia, Julius Rosenwald, Jen Ryan, Sarah Sanfilippo.

Minutes from the July 12th meeting were approved unanimously with revisions: Include note about moving out of executive session, and the decision to increase Director's hours.

Director's report:

- Attendance has been up, summer reading had 66 participants
- Community groups are back using space
- Jen confirmed with Linda that the book club is public
- ALA grants have been spent -Jen is putting together a survey now, send her any question ideas.
- Jen is going to do two more dragon eggs, since round one was so popular
- The extra 10 hours are allowing her to catch up; she's thinking of changing hours. Would start a new schedule in Nov, with the thought to possibly expand Sat hours in the future.
- We now have a large print collection thanks to a new partnership with ABLE library. It is a rotating collection.

Treasurer's report: Electric is up, but heating is down, due to heat pumps. Everything on target, other than postage and technology.

Historical Collection policy

There was discussion about moving things around (antique books, town reports) in the Lucy to make room for the historical collection, to have it all in one place. Approved unanimously.

Art Exhibit Policy

Mary presented a policy of guidelines for exhibitions. Approved unanimously.

New board members

- Mary working on a list. Some have declined.

Building update:

Scott update - exterior work in spring is possible. We do need interior work done.

Paul Monick - took care of trees and shrubs. Will also do perennial beds twice a year.

Annual celebration: Date for celebration in spring? Fall? It was decided fall might be the best setting for an annual celebration.

Vote to move into executive session. 7:33pm

Vote to move back into open session, 7:40

Decided to renew director's contract for remainder of fiscal year.

Next scheduled meeting: December 6th.