

Solomon Wright Library

Lucy Wright Reading Room

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Chairperson Jim Boutin, Kaitlyn Hunt, Richard Williams, Mary Natalizia, Carole Shuey (joined at 6:25), Bob Case (via Zoom)

Secretary: Damien McCaffery

Agenda

I. Call to order and Roll Call

II. Approval of March Minutes

III. Treasure Report

IV. Directors Report

a) Open issue/summary of discussion

V. New business

a) Koha vs Library World Circulation and interlibrary loan

b) Capital Campaign and Social Media

c) New Logo

VII. Adjournment

1. Jim and the Board assert three primary foci for director;
 1. Improving the SWPL's online presence. Board sees that as best enacted by better utilizing the SWPL website, creating more items that will attract patrons, and doing so more frequently, and more and better emphasis placed on promoting the SWPL's features. They would also like to see more posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages, and weekly posts on Front Porch Forum.
 2. They also propose delegating FPF posting to a volunteer
 3. The Board also asked Director McCaffery to assess the scope of responsibilities the director role entails, and to prioritize which tasks are most essential to the SWPL's continuing vitality. McCaffery replied that he felt the SWPL's most urgent goal is getting people into the library, and ideally younger people. The objective being that our community may see how great the SWPL is, and then come back.
 4. The Board asked McCaffery to further assess and come up with some more of the director's responsibilities that would take leading priority.
2. Julius Rosenwald proposed that we talk to our local state representatives (Dick Sears and Brian Champion) and ask about getting state signs mounted, indicating where the library is and how to get to it. Would like one of Route 7 and one on 346. McCaffery points out that a sign exists currently, by the railroad tracks, but that it so dull and visually vacant that it is essentially invisible

3. Julius mentions that if we wanted to use food as an incentive to get people in to see the library, he would be willing to put funding toward that. Also encouraged us to look into partnerships with Stewarts, Henry's Meat Market, Sarah Albright, and/or Jenny Dewar.
4. Long discussion of rewards, risks, and potential long-term benefits of adopting Koha as our LMS. Many advantages and deficits cited. Richard is clearly enthusiastic to get going on it. Director McCaffery feels that ultimately we'd be wiser to jump into this new way of managing the library's functions. The conundrum will be that getting current with Koha will ensure the SWPL maintains the technological standards that will prevail throughout the libraries in our region and the greater world, but the immediate payoff to adopting Koha may not be apparent for some time.
5. Treasurer's report from Richard Williams. Richard raises concerns about the library experiencing a budget shortfall, and soon. A long discussion of funding ensues. Further discussion of role of VT Community Fund monies and their role in our financial foundation.
6. Director McCaffery delivers Director's report
7. Motion is made to adjourn, adopted unanimously.
8. Next Board meeting set for Wednesday, June 7th