

Solomon Wright Public Library Trustees Meeting

July 14, 2021 6:30pm

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

Not Present: Bob Case.

Minutes from the May 10th meeting were approved unanimously.

Director's Report:

- Recent events have been very successful, Summer reading is underway. Other events are being finalized. The library is hosting a weekly playgroup with Sunrise Family Resource Center
- There was discussion regarding surveying the community about preferences for library hours, services. We could start at the town park event, have people at the Transfer station, Winchesters, Stewarts, Post Office, etc.
- A Rescue Plan Act grant is available through the Dept of Libraries; each library will receive a certain amt. The list of approved expenses is basically anything other than construction. Send suggestions to Jen in the next week or so. Deadline for the application is Aug 9.
- Picnic tables are in at the park.

Treasurer's Report: We are over on postage, since for a long time that was the only way to loan items, but otherwise fine.

Historical Collection policy: Jen did a lot of research; Rockingham's a good one. We will edit this one down to what we need. Jen will do that, and bring it to the subcommittee for review, then to the full board.

Art exhibition policy: Mary wrote a draft, minor edits were suggested Annual celebration: Kaitlyn will spearhead organizing. We'll look into how to best advertise (postcard?) and start advertising at the booksale. Booksale is Aug 21, rain date Aug 28.

Board members: We need new board members, including officers. Talk to people before the Sept meeting. We should recruit based on specialties needed, ability to contribute, etc.

Building and grounds:

- Stones have been laid for the shed, which will be delivered once the ground dries out enough.
- Tree out back is dead, Mary got some quotes. Mary & Karen, as the committee, will decide.
- We should have someone take care of perennials, 2x a year.
- Still waiting on an estimate for remaining work from Scott.
- The donated canopy is missing hardware; we'll use some renovation money to buy a pop-up.

It was suggested we should have a Library road sign on 346/Rt 7. This was suggested in the past, and we had a hard time with the Agency of Transportation. Julius will call Nelson Brownell.

The board voted to move to executive session. After exiting executive session, the decision to increase the director's hours was announced.