

**Solomon Wright Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2020
6:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Karen Gallese, Margaret Comar, Willy Jones, Mary Natalizia, Julius Rosenwald

Board Members Absent: Sarah Sanfilippo, Anne Todorski, Becca Martin

Library Director: Jennifer Ryan

The July 13, meeting of the Solomon Wright Public Library Board of Directors was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the June 8, minutes by Karen Gallese; seconded by Willy Jones; all were in favor with the following changes under summer reading program: Children participating in the Solomon Wright Public Library summer program will be entered into a raffle for prizes from *Where'd You Get That?* among other places. Patrons who participate in curbside pick-up will receive a raffle ticket for a folding bookshelf, donated by Willy Jones.

TREASURERS REPORT

Karen Gallese passed out the March 2020, Vermont Community Foundation investment account statements, an updated list of renovation costs, and a list of donors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jennifer Ryan mentioned the written policy regarding children visiting the library accompanied by an adult. Often children from the surrounding neighbors come to the library alone. The Board would hate to discourage these visits if the children are following library rules. Consequently, it was recommended that volunteers be required to complete a background check.

Art bags will be handed out to children in the community. Twenty-one bags will be dropped off at Oak Hill Children's Center, and 30 bags will be dropped off at homes within the community. Summer reading bags will also be made available to the children at Oak Hill and to those in the community.

The COVID-19 Phased Reopening Plan update was presented to the Trustees for approval. A motion was made by Margaret Comar; seconded by Julius Rosenwald; all were in favor with the addition of "at the directors' discretion to move through phases".

The new website is up and running at www.solomonwrightpubliclibrary.org. The website will include a summer reading page, links to museums which the library holds passes to, a link to Amazon Smile, Board meeting information and library policies.

A \$5000.00 Vermont Humanities Council CV-19 Relief grant was awarded to the library. The grant was written by Karen Gallese. Those Trustees who donated towards the art bags for local

children will be reimbursed with grant money. The grant will also be used to develop a *Library of Things* and to construct some story walks.

The summer reading program has started. The library will be offering art bags, take and make story time kits, and a flexible read, create, share program.

Jennifer has almost completed the organizing, weeding, and reshelving of books. Better World Books will be picking up the library's withdrawn materials. New books have been ordered.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mary Natiliza mentioned developing a policy to protect the permanent collection. Jennifer has looked online at some which have been developed for much larger libraries. Mary would like to put together an adhoc committee, with members of the historical society, Trustees, and Linda Hall to develop a policy.

Jennifer would make up thank you card, with a picture of the library on the front, to send out to donors.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the July 13, meeting of the Solomon Wright Public Library Board of Directors at 8:24 p.m. by Willy Jones; seconded by Margaret Cormier; all were in favor.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be August 17, at 6:30 p.m.