

TRUMBULL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES

Trumbull Library

August 11, 2021

Members Present: Rosemary Seaman, Chair, Carol Porrata Elstein, Vice-Chair, John F. Breedis, Treasurer, Tara Liskov, Julia McNamee, Gail Voytek, Kelly Mallozzi

Member Absent: Joan B. Hammill, Mary Santilli

Also Present: Stefan Lyhne-Nielsen, Director

Meeting Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Session: None

Correspondence: Thank you card from Nancy Rupp.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Carol Porrata Elstein and seconded by Kelly Mallozzi that the minutes of the July 14th meeting be approved as read. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Director's Report:

Adult and Children's programs have begun in-person outdoors. We are on track to bring back indoor programs for adults and teens starting in September. At this time, in-person events will only include flexible programs that can be switched to online should the need arise. We do envision bringing back bigger events like concerts once we are certain that the events will not be in danger of cancellation. Children's programs will remain outdoors for the time being until we have more information.

The Board was given a link to the draft of the new program brochure. The plan is to produce a brochure quarterly with all upcoming programming.

Loan periods have reverted to their pre-pandemic schedule with the minor changes enacted by the Board last month. No issues to report thus far.

There was also a brief discussion regarding the Event Technologist position.

Treasurer's Report:

The total expenditure from Board Funds during July was comparable to those in previous months, with the exception of June which was atypically higher. Our trust funds and Friend's income covered the purchase of books, principally, with the remainder going towards programming expenses. We received no income.

The library's budget for FY 2021-2022, that started on July 1st, was higher than last year's by 6.7%. This budget amount represents 0.9% of Trumbull's resident tax for the coming year.

Fairchild Nichols Branch:

The Fairchild Association welcomed its new member, Preston Merritt. He replaces Nancy Rupp who retired from the Association in June. The Fairchild library had its benches power washed and refinished. The sidewalk was also power washed. The Association is currently working on rewriting its bylaws.

There was a brief discussion regarding the in-person programming that is happening under the tent outside the library.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan Discussion.

New Business

Tara Liskov has resigned from the Library Board of Trustees.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Tara Liskov and seconded by Julia McNamee that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefan Lyhne-Nielsen, Director

Approved, pending final approval by the Board of Trustees

Rosemary Seaman, Chair
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The next meeting of the Trumbull Board of Trustees will be on September 8, at 7:00 p.m.