

Maynard Public Library
Trustees' Meeting
April 18, 2023

Attendance: Jean Maguire, Jan Rosenberg, Peter Reed, Sally Bubier

Meeting opened in regular session. Trustees all voted affirmatively via roll call to move into Executive Session at 5:37 in order to complete discussion of performance review for Library Director. Peter will send completed review to Stephanie (HR) tomorrow. Jean mentioned the shortage of staffing as the library's biggest challenge. Compensation for the Library Director was also discussed.

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Executive Session adjourned at 5:46 via roll call vote. Regular session resumed with all noted above present.

Visitors: none

Minutes: March minutes were approved as amended.

Warrants signed.

Correspondence: Communication from Josh Lee regarding donation by his parents, Robert and Ruth Lee, being used for Media Storage Shelving unit, in addition to appreciation for the Maynard Public Library.

Report from Library Director

FY24 budget update - 20K allocation to library has been restored. Second part of state award received last week (total award for the year is over 25K).

Access to Justice Library Initiative - Jean participated in a webinar for this program which encourages libraries to offer virtual court services. Norwood and Chelsea Libraries were the first to sign on and make space available. Jean has not yet presented this to staff, but would like to participate. The library currently has Chromebooks users can borrow.

Annual Town Meeting - to take place on May 15 indoors. It could be lengthy.

Past programs and events of note - Library has initiated a new book group, Contemporary Conversations, to meet every other month online. First meeting took place on March 8.

At recent English at Large community event, presenters indicated that tutors participate in three 3-hour trainings. Facilitation of conversation groups requires less time commitment. The organization does get some state funding.

Upcoming programs and events of note - Earth Day Fair coming up on Saturday.

On May 4 Doug Tallamy on the Nature of Oaks will be presented by Zoom (watch party at the library) in collaboration with the Council on Aging.

Art exhibit, Tzfat in Maynard, organized by Lisa Corfman, will open on May 1, with reception on May 18.

Building and Grounds

Indoor book return has been purchased and will be shipped in July. This will allow book return to be neater and more confidential.

Spring cleanup to take place in early May.

Jean and Jan will meet with Andy Covell next Monday regarding the library landscape's problem areas. The library may get a dogwood tree donated by Sally Bubier and Cath Autio. Jan noted that one of the rhododendrons needs to be replaced.

Jan will purchase a spigot for the rain barrel.

Community Impact Fees application - Jean will email.

Strategic Planning update - Jean has received comments from the Advisory Board on draft plan and survey. Methodology and community description are almost complete. Peter expressed his appreciation for having participated in this process.

Old business - Curfew Bell Ceremony, organized by the Historical Commission, will take place on Saturday, May 6, at 1:00pm.

Other new business - Question was raised regarding library exhibits and whether a piece from an exhibit that has been sold should be removed. Should this be addressed via the library's exhibit policy or by the sponsoring organization/individual?

Next Meeting - to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Rosenberg, Trustee