

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
April 30, 2020
4:00 PM

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was to the public through the Zoom Conferencing platform. A recording of the meeting was aired on Comcast Local TV 9 and posted on the Town of Dighton YouTube Channel.

Call to Order Trustee Meeting Started at 4:21 due to technical difficulties with Zoom

Roll Call – EveMarie Cabral, Ron O’Connor, Alison Cembalisty, Jocelyn Tavares

Ron O’Connor called the meeting to order with the statement regarding the Zoom conferencing platform. Introductions were made. Participants in the meeting included Ken Pacheco, Selectman, Phyllis Haskell, employee, Lisa Mello, employee, Zach Lapointe, Friends President.

Old Business

New Business

- COVID Discussion – Library Updates
 - Staff Activities: All staff have been working from home. Activities have included trainings on future library activities and planning for reopening the library safely, readers advisory, creating new library cards for Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Students and mailing them, Incident Command Training for the town, digital programming for children, creating content for patrons during the library closure, updating the library’s disaster plan, and working on the strategic plan.
 - Website Update: the library website was updated while the library was closed so that content was easier to locate and it was more patron friendly. It is meant to be a stop gap during this time period so we do not have to find a website vendor right now, and we can save that money.
 - Finance Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 through Zoom.
 - State Aid Update: The state recognizes the COVID situation and that most libraries in the Commonwealth physically shut down in March. The state will only be looking at requirements from June 2019 – March 2020. However, they stress that this flexibility is not to give a municipality a pass on requirements for FY21, even with the uncertainty of what is happening. The Mass Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) will be watching the situation and keeping in touch with libraries.
 - Construction Waitlist Update: The MBLC is looking to raise both the bill to \$150 (through the legislature) and the annual spending cap to \$25 million (through administration & finance under the Governor’s control).
 - Reopening: Jocelyn shared draft of reopening plans for the library for conditions as of right now
 - Strategic Planning: Continuing the process. Because of the pandemic, the committee is meeting in three separate Zoom meetings to discuss the three objectives that rose to the top of the first group meeting.
 - Anything Else?

Questions/Input

Friends

Personnel

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

Adjournment at 4:30