

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
March 18, 2021
6:00 PM

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was open 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 6:03 with Zoom by Ron O'Connor, Board of Trustees, Chair
Roll Call – Ron O'Connor, Chair; Alison Cembalisty, trustee; Jocelyn Tavares, library director

With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible. The meeting is recorded.

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Alison moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 minutes. Ron seconded. No further discussion.

Alison Cembalisty: Aye

Ron O'Connor: Aye.

Motion carried. Minutes of January 21, 2021 are approved.

Old Business

- Library Operations: At 50% capacity, allowed 5 staff members in the building. This is the first time the staff has been together working in one year, a little challenging. Ron thanked the staff for all of their work during the past year and how difficult it has been for them. Town Administrator Mullen has started and has been charged with getting the library opened. Jocelyn is guessing vaccinations are taken precedence, and she hasn't gotten to meet with him. She is also looking out for the Municipal Building Study Committee meetings, but she has not seen any scheduled yet. There is not a lot of movement on the Special Town Meeting allocation for the building. Worked with Board of Health on sharing information on vaccination.
- New York Times subscription wants to raise the cost approximately \$800. Jocelyn hasn't renewed over pricing concerns. Difficult to determine the correct usage for the price. Jocelyn will do a cost analysis of the NY Times database.
- Presentation of streamlined strategic plan to publicize.

New Business

- Discussed statistics. Generally speaking, the library not being open affects checkouts. Not being open for browsing, programming and bringing people together takes away from the mission of the library. Usage is directly correlated where money is invested in ebooks and audiobooks. They are expensive. Ron mentioned that rbDigital is ending. Overdrive has purchased them. Magazines are all in Libby.
- Libraries Transforming Communities grant was submitted. It is to create conversation, it is a community engagement grant for \$3,000.
- The Board of Selectmen have voted to allow in-person meetings. They will also allow hybrid or Zoom meetings. Ron agreed to see if we could do this. Pandemic Reopening Task Force has recommended reopening town hall and old town hall.

Questions/Input Friends

- Meet the Candidates Night, March 29 at 7:00 by Zoom

- Contested race for Library Trustee: Ann Meitzen and Rita Araujo
- Only other contested race is for the Board of Selectmen

Personnel

- Tabled for future meeting. Look to find a time before the town election so Alison can participate in the review. Possible dates are March 25 or April 1.

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

- Discussed upcoming Zoom programs.

Ron thanked Alison for all of her years of service to the Dighton Library and her contribution to the Board of Trustees.

Adjournment Alison moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron stepped down from role as chair to second.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Alison Cembalisty: Aye

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:43