Minutes for the Whitinsville Social Library Board of Trustees Meeting

4/5/22

**Members present**:

Carol Brouwer-Chair

Charlie Thompson

Barbara Leonard

John Brouillard

John W. Walker

Ann Williams-recording trustee

Others:

Rebecca Sasseville-Library Director

Carol Brouwer called the meeting to order at 4: 00 p.m.

* Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting, February 8, 2022, seconded and passed unanimously.
* **Director’s Report-**
  + Strategic Plan
    - The community survey happened and we had over 250 people respond
    - A lot of positive feedback, some negative (we should have flowers/garden)
    - Majority was about space issues-children’s room, more computers
    - Many people will attend a focus group meeting
    - 41 people said that they would be interested in joining the Friends group
    - One more meeting with the committee in June to recap all of their exercises
    - Rebecca stated that she would not be able to do this without Barbara Alevras and so thanks to the Trustees for arranging Barbara
* The shelving unit for the children’s room came and it looks nice!
  + We got 4 desks for free from the Milford PL-they are now housing patron computers in the fiction section
* ARPA ( American Rescue Plan Act) Finance Committee met and they approved everything that Rebecca asked for
  + 3 Library Staff Use Laptops-$3,000
  + Book Bike-$4500
  + Refurbished Apple iPad mini for self checkout station-$399
  + Podium for Checkout station-$400
  + 2 OTESS Mobile Charging Stations-$176
  + Ellison Dies-$1,000
* Weatherization-the town provided weatherization of the Library windows and doors ; residents voted funding for this expense last year

Unfinished Public Business

* Amendment to Collection Policy-Carol and Rebecca worked on this together.

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* Proposed amendment: *Whitinsville Social Library holds the choice of reading and viewing materials as a purely individual matter. Patrons are free to pass up books and other materials by not using them. Patrons may not exercise censorship by restricting or withholding library resources for other members of the community. Responsibility for materials selected , read,heard, or viewed by children and teens rests solely with their legal guardians.*

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* + Carol explained why a collection policy is necessary and the history of why it is important to have a collection policy. She also explained how staff selects library materials for the collection.
  + Much discussion ensued
    - Motion made and seconded to adopt the proposed amendment to the collection policy and passed unanimously
    - [Link to MA](https://malegislature.gov/laws/generallaws/partiv/titlei/chapter266/section99a) -[General Law - Part IV, Title I, Chapter 266, Section 99A](https://malegislature.gov/laws/generallaws/partiv/titlei/chapter266/section99a)
* Strategic Plan SOAR exercise for Trustees will be Monday April 25, 2022; 6-8 pm at the Library

New Business:

* Safety Committee-
  + In regard to the driveway-Rebecca said that they will put up a sign saying this driveway is for library business only
  + Call if we catch any license plates
  + Generally occurs from 1-3 p.m.
  + Rebecca will reach out to the church and see if they can band together to try to combat this issue

Motion to end the public meeting, seconded and passed unanimously

**Next Trustees meeting will be Tuesday June 14, 2022 at 4:00**