

Minutes for the Whitinsville Social Library Board of Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2023
Whitinsville Social Library-Historical Room

Members present:

Carol Brouwer-Chair

Charlie Thompson

Barbara Leonard

John Brouillard

John W. Walker

Ann Williams-recording trustee

Others:

Rebecca Sasseville-Library Director

Heather Wade-Youth Librarian

Adam Gaudette

Carol Brouwer called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

- Motion to approve the minutes as corrected for the meeting, March 21, 2023 , seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Director's Report-**
 - Postcards-finished with 2020-143 items and has started sending 2022-11 out for 44 items, 2021-117 items
 - Since January 1st we have received repayment for 19 items for a total of \$45 in cash and \$276 in credit card for a total of \$321
 - Rebecca is interested in hiring part-time help for summer-Charlie asked about what the requirements would be for employment-they would need to be able to cover the vacations of the staff and to help with children's programming-covered under the town if we still have enough money or state aid if we need it
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 - Motion to end the public meeting, seconded and passed unanimously

New Business-

- John mentioned only getting online subscriptions given that we haven't been getting copies at the library
- Rebecca says that we can continue the discussion in the upcoming months
- Charlie mentioned his experience with delivery of the WSJ and it has now stopped again
- John would like to see the Epoch Times added to the digital subscription
- Charlie had research to share about the Epoch Times and his feelings regarding the politics attached to it
- Ann mentioned that the Golden Rule in the Trustees Handbook notes that the collection is at the sole discretion of the librarian and if the librarian director chooses to add this to the collection then she consider adding The Village Voice or some other left leaning paper to balance the collection
- Rebecca mentioned her three reasons for not including the paper

- Charlie's research indicated that no public libraries in MA carry this paper
- Adam asked questions to John about his feelings regarding why this paper needs to be in there
- Adam explained points regarding how the money is spent in the library regarding the collection

Motion to end the public meeting, seconded and passed unanimously

- Many questions rose as to the details of an executive session-Adam answered some and suggested we get an opinion on what constitutes

Treasurer's Report

New Business-

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. seconded and passed unanimously

Next Trustees meeting will be June 13th at 4:00