

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 8, 2024, 6:00 PM

Blanchard Room

In Attendance: Todd Fabian, Library Director; Jeremy Clemans, Chair; Chris Casco; Ceillie Clark-Kean; Fatawu Issah; Charles O'Leary.

1. J. Clemans called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Accept minutes of May 6, 2024 Monthly Meeting - C. Casco motions to accept; J. Clemans seconds; All in favor.
3. Public Comment
 - T. Fabian received a letter from Mr. Schweiker in reference to his desire for the Library to have more senior programming. T. Fabian met with Mr. Schweiker and explained that the Board does not have oversight of the Library's programming. T. Fabian discussed specific materials geared toward this population. Except for children's programming, there is no age specific programming. Mr. Schweiker presented T. Fabian with a proposed policy for senior programs which the Board reviewed. Some passive programming may be possible such as movies. The Library does not maintain demographic data to determine which age groups attended which program. Programs that people like and have responded well to are at times repeated. Since the Library is not a senior center, the Library is unable to offer specific programming solely for seniors.
4. Library Director's Report and Monthly Update
 - T. Fabian distributed 5 different library card applications for different types of library cards offered by the Library. The Library is updating the forms for library cards. A question was presented as to whether the new forms will be available in other languages besides English. T. Fabian notes that the Library's website can currently translate the webpage into various languages via a Google translate icon on the bottom right of the site where languages may be selected. The Sirsi library application also can translate for browsing the Library's collection.
 - T. Fabian shared a photograph of the new community center with the Trustees. The building is nearing completion. The space looks very attractive. Materials for the library space are being ordered. The expected arrival dates for materials vary widely.
 - T. Fabian is working on recruitment for staff at the new Penacook site. A September opening is expected. The lease is on tonight's City Council consent agenda.
 - As to safety, there have been several police calls lately. There has been an uptick this summer where typically there have been fewer calls in the

past. The incidents involved yelling, people under the influence of drugs, and tearing book covers. The police have responded quickly to the calls, usually within minutes. Moreover, officers do frequent walk-throughs to deter poor behavior.

- The City Council's June budget meeting was positive. There was not much public comment on the Library's portions of the budget. The budget process will become active again in November.
- There were questions on certain aspects of the library card applications that were too small. T. Fabian will review and revise to different sizes as necessary.
- By motion of J. Clemans, seconded by C. O'Leary, the Trustees unanimously voted to approve the changes to the library card applications with the suggested amendments.

5. The CPL Foundation Update

- No one from the Board attended the last meeting. The Foundation is working on the Yates award. The author event was a success for Concord Reads.

6. New Business

- New Trustee position discussions and vote. N. Kinser for Chair, C. O'Leary for Vice Chair, C. Casco for Secretary was, by motion of J. Clemans, seconded by C. O'Leary, adopted by unanimous vote.
- If we are in the new Penacook space, the Trustees could meet there if it is open in September. We will not be able to meet there if it's not yet open.

7. Old Business

- None

8. Next meeting: September 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library's Shakespeare Room. There will not be an August meeting.

9. J. Clemans moved to adjourn at 6:26 p.m., seconded by C. Casco, and adopted by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Chris Casco