

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 4, 2023, 6:00 PM

Blanchard Room

In Attendance: Mathew Bose-Assistant Director, Jeremy Clemans, Chris Casko, Fatawu Issah, Norm Kinsler, Michelle Marino

1. J. Clemans calls the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Accept minutes of February 5, 2024 Monthly Meeting - N. Kinsler motions to accept;
C. Casko seconds. All are in favor.
3. Public Comment
 - None
4. Library Director's Report (provided by M. Bose) and Monthly Update
 - The CPL is starting to see more evidence of drug use in the Library. Drug paraphernalia was found in the first-floor bathroom. The bathroom is now out of use. CPL is communicating with other libraries in the state to learn more about best practices in terms of addressing this issue.
 - On the weekends, there has been a lot of bathroom use in the Library. There is a lot of public use due to city events in town. The Director is talking to other groups in the city to see if public bathrooms can be set up to ease the use of CPL bathrooms.
 - The CPL auditorium is currently closed due to the ADA lift being broken. The lower lounge is currently being used in its place.
 - The Heights Auditorium may be used in the future if the lift part is not obtained (due to the age of the lift and parts no longer being available).
 - A Trust for the Library's benefit was recently set up in the amount of \$217,000 in the name of the benefactor, Joan Heartz.

- The Concord Reads title will be announced later this week.
- The Concord Reads programming will be announced next week.
- The Concord Reads author visit will be in mid-May.
- CPL bought a Boston Children's Museum pass - eVoucher pass - expanding the Library's museum passes. A brochure can be found at the front desk of the museum passes that are offered. A pass can be reserved 30 days in advance with an online reservation system or via a call to the Library.
- The elevator is now fixed.
- The teen craft program and a Lego gravity program were held last week during school break that were full. It was a typical busy week.

5. The CPL Foundation Update

- The Foundation spoke with the Mayor at their last Foundation meeting in February. The Mayor suggested that the Foundation come to the City Council meeting in April to talk about the Library and past efforts to get a new library building. The Foundation also discussed the possibility of a Trustee attending future Foundation meetings with the CPL Director. The Trustees discussed the possibility of using a rotation system to ensure that a Trustee can attend. J. Clemans will speak with the Director to discuss how best to coordinate amongst the Trustees as to who can go to what Foundation meeting.

6. New Business

- None

7. Old Business

- None

8. Next meeting will be on April 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

9. N. Kinsler motions to adjourn at 6:21 p.m.; J. Clemans seconds. All are in favor.