

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Library Blanchard Room

In Attendance: Jeremy Clemans, Chris Casco, the Library Director-Todd Fabian, Norm Kinsler, Michelle Marino, Charles O'Leary, Lisa Sands, Ali Sekou (remote).

1. J. Clemans calls to order at 6:18 p.m. after in-person quorum is reached.
2. Moment of reflection on the passing of Becky Herrmann
 - J. Clemans suggests creating something in Becky's honor at the CPL - perhaps "Becky's Corner" in the proposed library garden - in honor of her and her love for gardening. The Library Director will make a note of this for possible consideration should the library garden get approved.
3. Accept Minutes of the December 5, 2022 monthly meeting - C. Casco motions to accept; N. Kinsler seconds. All in favor. Minutes are unanimously approved.
4. Public Comments
 - None
5. Library Director's Report and Monthly Update
 - Currently in the midst of budget season, inputting data, and getting quotes. Inflation is incredible - numbers are very high in the quotes. The Director is fine tuning numbers, CIP items, library garden presentation, etc. Working with the City to gather item prices for the library garden and to make sure the presentation is ready.
 - Penacook Branch - Next year's budget, overhead costs, hours of operation and staffing model are being discussed for next year's budget.
 - The new Penacook branch will open in the Fall of 2024.
 - Discussing how to handle the current collection from the present Penacook Branch Library. Several elements of the transition process will be discussed in the future. The Director will work with The Friends of the Penacook Library.
 - From J. Clemans' perspective from attending a recent December 2022 City Council meeting where the future of the Penacook Branch Library was discussed, he believes that the City Council is supportive of the Library.
 - The CIP process currently includes the renovation of the Library in 2027-2028. Brief discussion was had as to whether it that possibility will remain as currently scheduled. Discussion included the fact that the City is also determining future plans for funding the building of a new middle school.
 - The Director will share the number of work orders to General Services that were generated for the main Library in 2022 as there have been many maintenance requests due to the condition of the building.

- L. Sands recommends keeping the momentum front and center with communicating how the community interacts with the Library.

6. CPL Foundation Update

- The Foundation did not meet in December. They will meet next week.

7. New Business

- R. Connor has resigned from the Board of Trustees, effectively immediately.
- After 14 years, L. Sands is resigning from the Board of Trustees. Lisa also served for 7 years on the Foundation and has been a part of the Library in so many ways for almost 30 years. She will be missed!
- The Board will need to secure three new Trustees moving forward. If anyone has suggestions for possible candidates, the name(s) can be passed along to the Director.

8. Old Business

- L. Sands said the book sale has been going very well and December was a good month.
- Shout out to Ruth Perencevich, Andre Cinquina, and the whole team for making the library book sale such a success!
- J. Clemans asked about how The Little Libraries are doing. The Director stated that the Little Libraries will be phased out due to vandalism.
- The Director has been going over patron consumption. The Director states that the CPL is not seeing the same adult foot traffic now as pre-pandemic. The CPL is trialing daytime programming and it has been going very well. If the numbers stay up, this programming will continue through the spring and summer.
- Concord Reads - narrowed down some titles. They are currently talking about it and will make some decisions on the title and contact the author.

9. Next Meeting: February 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library's Blanchard Room.

10. Motion to adjourn made by N. Kinsler at 6:57 p.m.; C. O'Leary seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.