



WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Library Board of Trustees Meeting

April 19, 2022

The April 19, 2022 meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held with members participating remotely via Zoom. Public Forum Login information had been posted as being available by contacting the Library Director.

Trustees Present: L. Czachorowski, D. McElhinney, B. Oremland, and M. Rosoff Encarnacion

Also Present: Library Director S. Genovese, Assistant Director M. Riportella

Absent: J. Marciello

1. The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by D. McElhinney.
2. Minutes for March 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote of 4-0-0.
3. Reports:
 - Library Director:
 - Installation of EV charging station can proceed in coming months with no need for soliciting bids.
 - Molly will be setting up a Library table at Multicultural Night, to be held at Walpole High School on May 10, sponsored by the Walpole Schools.
 - The annual Walpole Library Open House and Student Art Exhibit, sponsored by the Walpole Schools, will be held on Wednesday, May 11. This popular exhibit, a tradition of 6 or 7 years, is resuming following a 2 year COVID pause.
 - Library statistics for March were good: 9781 visitors, 1,364 children participating in programming, a direct circulation of 14,579, up 23.68% as compared to March 2021.
 - The Friends of the Library:
 - The Library Friends' Board met on April 4. No programs are scheduled for the summer months, May through August. They are hoping to see scheduling of a library children's program for the Harding Memorial gift.
 - Walpole Library Parent Advisory Board:
 - The Parent Advisory Board will be meeting bi monthly. Interest was expressed for information about use of the memorial gift from the Russo Family to purchase children's books.
 - Endowment Trust:

- A Robert Turner bequest of \$86,367.64 to the Library Endowment Fund is to be used for preservation of Walpole history. The Endowment Committee will be setting up an IRA with this fund.
- There are no Endowment Fund Invoices for the month of March.

4. New Business:

- Guidelines for program supply purchasing are under discussion and development. The town holds four trust funds, on behalf of the library, totaling \$621,904.93. In the past, these funds have been used for purchase of Museum passes. A system is now being developed to enable use of the interest from these funds (approximately \$500/year) for purchasing Young Adult and Children's Programming supplies. Monies placed in debit cards could be made available for use of program directors. The Endowment Committee will be asked to set up and manage use of these debit cards.
- Funding Guidelines for employees attending Conferences and Trainings were discussed. Trustees were in agreement that library employees should be encouraged to attend library related training events and conferences.

5. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM by vote of 4-0-0.

Next meetings of the Library Trustees: 5/17, 6/28, and 8/2. The May meeting will be held remotely via Zoom, June and August in person.

Submitted by L. Czachorowski,
May 17, 2022