



WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Library Board of Trustees Meeting

March 15, 2022

The March 15, 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, J. Marciello, and M. Rosoff Encarnacion

Also Present: Library Director S. Genovese

1. The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by D. McElhinney.
2. Minutes for February 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved by vote of 5-0-0.
3. Reports:
 - Library Director:
 - Gradual upgrade of the library's aging security camera system is ongoing, with vendor Mobotix. Improved camera coverage of the Children's Room is considered to be a priority.
 - Improvement of library WiFi access via replacement of aging wireless access points is also being considered in consultation with vendor, Allcovered.
 - Movie access is a popular service currently offered to library patrons, with patrons doubling their movie requests since it was first available to them. Kanopy, the service provider, is now offering subscription service to library networks. Sal will check with Old Colony Network regarding a potential savings for this service.
 - The February total for circulation of e-materials was 4,011, representing 25% of the library's total circulation for the month.
 - Children's librarians are to be commended for excellent programming, with 24 programs and 966 participants during the month of February.
 - The Friends of the Library:
 - The Library Friends' Board will be held on April 4 in the Pinnacle Room.
 - Walpole Library Parent Advisory Board:
 - The Parent Advisory Board will meet with Nikki on March 16 to offer their assistance and to plan spring programming.
 - Endowment Trust:
 - The Endowment Trustees recently rebalanced the Endowment Fund investment accounts, will re-evaluate them in the fall.

4. Action Items:

- The Walpole High School Girl's Lacrosse Team has requested permission to hold a fundraising bake sale at the library on Saturday, April 16. This was approved by the Trustees with a vote of 5-0-0.

5. Old Business:

- Two quotes for an EV Charger Installation Project, as submitted by Commonwealth Electrical Technologies, were reviewed. Both quotes include installation of Charge Point Dual Port Bollard Networked EV Charging Stations (4 stations, 8 ports), one with an AmpUp Juicebar Gen3.0 Dual Port 32 Amp charger. The two quotes for Net Customer Turnkey Complete Cost are \$27,458 and \$40,105.
- The work of digging trenches across the parking lot, required for laying electricity lines for the Charging Stations, may need to be put out for bid.
- More information regarding the Charging Station project will be available at the April meeting.

6. New Business:

- Library Endowment investment strategies were discussed. The trustees are suggesting that the Endowment Trustees, when next considering rebalance of the Library Trust Fund investments, investigate the possibility of moving to mutual funds with fossil free investments. This direction would be out of concern for the well-being of the community and in the spirit of the Walpole Library's history as an environmentally friendly LEED certified building.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by vote of 5-0-0.

Next meetings of the Library Trustees: 4-19-22, 5-17-22, and 6/28. April and May meetings will be held remotely via Zoom.

Submitted by L. Czachorowski,
April 4, 2022