



WALPOLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**Library Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 2023**

The March 21, 2023, meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was held in person at the Walpole Public Library; meeting information and agenda were shared with the Town Clerk. Trustees Present: E. Chase, D. McElhinney, B. Oremland, M. Rosoff Encarnacion; Not present: J. Marciello. Also Present: Library Director S. Genovese, Assistant Director M. Riportella, Children’s Program Coordinator N. Cataloni

1. The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by D. McElhinney.
2. Minutes for February 21, 2023, were reviewed; minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-0.
3. Reports:
 - Director’s report
 - Earth Day Celebration on the April 19th
 - Call from the Troop Leader who wanted to know if while the Cubs were here if they could do a fundraiser and sell candy on the sidewalk outside the library
 - Program is 10:30-11:30 on Wednesday
 - Bridging the Years – collaboration with Teen Advisory Board, Teen Advisory Board, and the Council on Aging
 - Intergenerational programming they hope to run at least one event per quarter, first event will be Earth Day
 - COA has a gardening club that will be doing an earth day activity
 - Cub Scouts collecting bottles and help run the program
 - Vote to approve the sale of candy outside library approved 4-0-0
 - Friends of the Library Report
 - Have received donor funds; donor is interested in funding 3D printer and laptops
 - 3D printer will be used for coding and printing
 - Friends are also considering funding a laptop cart, which would be used under supervision; laptops would also be available for use by First Lego League
 - Numerous upcoming programs in March and April
 - Parent Advisory Board Report
 - Meeting 3/22 to discuss April craft bags for take home projects
 - Will also be discussing the prize baskets for Summer Reading and whether Parents Advisory Board will be participating in putting those together



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- Have had some requests to join the Board
 - Spoke with Nikki regarding the wonderful work she's doing; as a result, the Parents' Advisory group has shifted towards stepping in when asked/as needed to support her work
 - Endowment Trust Report
 - Board is still short one person
 - Once a person comes forward we'll invite them to the meeting and the Board would vote to invite them to join the Endowment Board
 - Donor has come forward and is working with Sal to make a donation to the Endowment
4. Action Items
- Long Range RFP
 - Has been reviewed by Purchasing
 - Once approved, Director has a list of consultants he'll forward the RFP to encourage submissions
 - Funding will come from State Aid
 - Approved by a vote of 4-0-0
5. Old Business
- Update on EV charging stations
 - Received word from the vendor who is assisting with funding from Eversource and the State
 - Received a site agreement which is now at Town Administration for approval
 - Once that has been approved then we can secure funding and begin scheduling and project management
 - Revolving fund has already been set up; funds collected will go into that revolving fund
 - Library of Things
 - Have been discussing location for the collection
 - Have been getting lists from other libraries of their materials to develop ideas for the collection
6. New Business
- Coding
 - Will be using state aid to cover this offering
 - Coding was one of top requests for programs when the Children's Librarian started
 - Children will be supervised when using the technology/equipment
 - Changes in Library Calendar for 2024
 - Union negotiations just concluded; ratified contract is going to Selectmen and town meeting



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- One negotiation does affect the calendar: the Library will be closed Friday after Thanksgiving
- Juneteenth is also now officially in the contract as a holiday
- Number of Saturdays open will also change. The Library will be open the minimum Saturdays required to meet the MBLC regulations: 38 consecutive Saturdays; In the past the library aligned more with the school year

Adjourned at 8:03pm by a vote of 4-0-0.

Next meetings of the Library Trustees: Next proposed meeting dates 4/18, 5/16, 6/27. These meetings will be held in person at the library.

Submitted by E. Chase