

Meeting Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4 p.m.

In attendance: Jennifer Alves, Chair

Nancy Francis

Danielle Guillemette

Joan Howland

Stephen Reale

Dina St. Pierre, Library Director

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Stephen to accept the secretary's report from March 8, 2022. The motion was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor.

Budget Report

There are three months left in FY22 and the budget is 75% spent. The operating line is almost spent as expected. The Tech line is behind due to turnover and we will be turning back approximately \$7,000. Nancy moved to accept the budget and Danielle seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business

The request for a full-time Children's Room Assistant has been removed from the budget by the Interim Town Administrator. There was some discussion at the Finance Committee meeting about this. The library does not need two part-time children's room assistants. The request is for one full-time person for that job. The Finance Committee tabled the vote on the library budget until a later date. Their next meeting is Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

New Business

The pavilion in the back will be ready at the beginning of May.

The WIFI for outside is ready to go. It should be completed inside within the next month.

Airmasters has been back and the HVAC seems to be working fine now.

The Board of Trustees already approved having 25 people in the community room. The staff is now ready to hold programs for groups of that size.

Dina thinks all children in Acushnet should be using the library. She is considering developing a survey for parents to see why more children are not using it. Also, for those who are using it, what is it that brings you to the library? Jennifer and Danielle volunteered to work on the survey.

Director's Report

Per the Board of Selectmen vote on March 15, 2002, mask usage is optional at the library.

The library is displaying grade 3 Acushnet Elementary School Magic Tree House projects.

The summer reading program is still being developed.

The March circulation is the highest since August of 2021—getting closer to pre-Covid numbers.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4 p.m.

Nancy moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. and Danielle seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Howland