

Meeting Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 4 p.m.

In attendance: Jennifer Alves, Chair

Diane Ferreira

Nancy Francis

Danielle Guillemette

Joan Howland, Secretary

Stephen Reale

Dina St. Pierre, Library Director

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Nancy to accept the secretary's report from April 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Stephen. All voted in favor.

Budget Report

As expected at this time of year, the operating line is 96.1% spent and the total expenses are 81.9% spent. Nancy moved to accept the budget and Stephen seconded. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Increasing the position of Children's Room Assistant to full-time was not approved because of the cost of benefits. There will probably never be a time when this will be easy to afford. Acushnet is the only library on the South Coast that does not have a full-time Children's Room Librarian.

The pavilion is almost finished. The walkway has been paved, the lawn reseeded and the electric is being installed. Many thanks to the building department and the DPW. Outdoor story times are now being scheduled.

The WIFI is almost complete. We have one line for patrons and one line for staff (which is password protected). We are currently waiting for a "switch" to arrive. It's on backorder.

Director's Report

The outdoor concerts will begin on Wednesday, June 22 and will run through August. These will be held on the pavilion.

The Tech II position is now filled and the staff is back to 100% for the first time since September.

Dina has weeded the children's room collection and is now working on the adult section. The periodical room is changing as there are fewer magazines being published in print and the space can be used for other material.

Two standing desk converters and one sit/stand stool have been purchased.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 4 p.m. Nancy moved to adjourn and Danielle seconded. All voted in favor. Respectfully submitted, Joan Howland