

Meeting Acushnet Public Library Board of Trustees

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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 May 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Budget Report

The salary line reflects the payroll through last week. What remains will cover the last two weeks of the fiscal year. Due to turnover and new employees starting at less pay, approximately \$5000 from the salaries line will be returned to the town. The operating line is 99.2% spent. The last water bill is pending and still waiting for the phone bills from Town Hall so not much will be returned to the town from the operating line. A motion was made by Stephen to accept the budget and seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Old Business

The pavilion is completely finished including the electrical. The Town has taken care of the birds that are already trying to make their homes in the rafters. The pavilion was used for the first time by the Ford Middle School Chorus concert last week and will be used all summer for the Wednesday night concert series. Many thanks to Jim Marot and the DPW for all their work on this project.

There are lots of things happening at the library this summer. Details can be found at the library and on social media. The July calendar is very full with August being a little bit slower. Dina would still like a full-time children's room assistant to help support the free programs that are offered at the library. \$5000 was donated by the Friends of the Library for the summer reading program. Additional funding came from the Acushnet Cultural Council and state aid.

New Business

Wayne Electric quoted \$1400 for security cameras for the back of the library. A camera would be added to the existing system. The money for this would come from the library gift fund (designated for a new library). It would be one camera with a lens that will cover the back yard. Stephen moved to accept the bid and Danielle seconded. All voted in favor.

Director's Report

Dina is still weeding the adult fiction books. The shelf space in this library is limited.

The Friends purchased a microphone and speaker for general use but will be especially helpful during story time.

Dina and Melissa made several visits to the Acushnet Elementary School. 1,707 votes were cast for the bookmark contest. Ten winners were chosen and bookmarks will be printed and distributed during the summer reading program. Thanks to Mrs. Macolini for her help with this project.

The first adult in-person workshop will be held next week, paid for with state funding. An Acushnet resident is running the workshop.

Library circulation is up from last year's numbers.

The hot spot program is going well. A state grant paid for this for one year. If we were to continue this program, it may cost \$2000 for five hot spots for one year.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 4 p.m. The alternate date would be Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. and Diane seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Howland