



Stoneham Public Library

STONEHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02180
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

NOTICE OF MEETING

(in accordance with provisions of Chapter 626, Acts of 1958)

AGENCY: STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LOCATION: STONEHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY/STONEHAM ROOM
DATE OF MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023
TIME OF MEETING: 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Jane, Kathryn, Lisa, Tricia, Rachel, Jessi, Tim Waivevitch

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 7pm
2. Introduction of Tim Waitkevitch, Select Board Liaison to the Library:
 - a. Board introductions to Tim. Tim was the liaison to the library in the past for FAB, so he is familiar with the library.
3. Public Comment:
 - a. Cory Mashburn, social media perspective, being aware of how and why we post.
4. Approval of Minutes/Statistics:
 - a. Minutes: No changes needed
 - b. Statistics for YA programs will be added, 3 programs with 15 attendees. (1 tween/teen equals 5 preschoolers!)
 - i. 29 programs for 0-5 year old, 5 programs for 6-10 yr olds
 - ii. Escape room was a fun program, those who attended enjoyed it. Library Lab, worth the investment. They are using materials that the library already has. Possibly running it again in the fall.

Motion to approve the minutes Lisa, second Kathryn. Approved unanimously

Motion to accept April statistics as amended by Kathryn, second by Lisa.

Approved unanimously

Kudos to Debbie and John Tardiff for cleaning out clutter

5. Director's Report

a. Kudos:

i. Angela for finishing the online upload of materials on order. Helpful to patrons and staff.

ii. Maureen and Debbie weeded the 500's (Science books) in April, trimmed it down, and are working on adding more recent books.

b. New programs: Midday meditation (slow start, interest but no attendees yet)

Adult board games nights

School vacation programs were well attended

c. Rachel and Katie are doing outreach with schools in town. Summer learning lists for middle school.

d. Teen space is evolving with feedback from teens who are using it.

e. Rachel has hired someone to do the exterior of Carnegie windows.

f. Quarterly Goals update: 1. Updating policies. 2. 600's weeded in July

3. RFID information coming to the next meeting.

6. State Aid Expenditure Requests: Patron Lockers,

a. Book Carts: current ones are falling apart. Rachel would like to get 9/10, \$4000.

Motion made by Kathryn, second by Lisa. Approved unanimously

b. Window Shades in Admin office: they would like motorized shades to be

installed, \$1700 Motion to use State Aid, Jessi. Second by Lisa Approved

unanimously

c. Rachel would like to discuss lockers for patrons to store belongings in

temporarily. Small/big enough for a backpack and laptop. Rachel has noticed homeless patrons have been stowing belongings around the library.

i. Locations: by big window under the stairs, or in alcove by new water filler.

- ii. Locks could be provided. Policy about length of time, condition of items (odor, moisture, noise?). Digital locking or built in. Encourage temporary use. Rachel will look into more options.

Kathryn brought up staff time that might be used for them

Rachel will bring a more filled out proposal next meeting.

Discussion/Votes: locker vote next meeting

- 7. Friends of Library Update: Team is working to have a meeting in June. Mailing will go out to all paid members. Lily is onboard as liaison.
- 8. Program Updates: We seek out a wide variety of programs to serve the needs of the various parts of the community of Stoneham. Not all programs will work for the whole community, but we do our best to meet everyone's needs and interests.

- a. Post went up on FB about an online event that we are co-hosting. It was released early. After an initial flurry of conversation online, and phone calls to the library, things have quieted down.

Teen program about being a Drag Queen.

Rachel and Lily fielded phone calls. Leadership was patient and listened to those who needed to express their opinion. Most feedback online was positive. Staff and leadership didn't engage with online banter.

- b. Drag Queen Storytime for Children in June

Conversations with Tricia and Dennis, the event will now be online. Rachel has become more informed about how to make an online program safe for families. Police department is understaffed. Rachel will consider feedback, safety, and parties involved.

Jessi Killilea voiced disappointment for moving the program online. The hope is that the Library will move in a more inclusive direction for future programs like this.

- 9. Request for Reconsideration Forms: Library Materials, Programs
 - a. Rachel recreated the documents. Specific details requested on the form. The entire form needs to be filled out. The Town of Stoneham doesn't have a statement of inclusion/diversity etc. Must be a Stoneham Resident, must answer ALL questions. Submitted, and reviewed by administration. If they wish to appeal the decision, it will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees and they will be invited to a meeting.

- i. Motion to accept the Request for Reconsideration of Programs with links for collection development, bill of rights, and ALA guidelines, made by Kathryn, second by Lisa, approved unanimously
- ii. Motion to accept the Request for Reconsideration of Library Material with links for collection development, bill of rights, and ALA guidelines made by Kathryn, second by Jane, approved unanimously

10. Next Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2023

11. Adjournment motion made by Jessi, second by Kathryn. Approved unanimous