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Freetown Board of Library Trustees

Minutes of Tuesdays, January 18, 2022

7:00pm

James White Library

- Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.
- Present: Irene Ashley, Amy Sypher, Christine Paiva, Linda Fournier, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck, Nicole Davignon-Library Director, and members of the Library Planning Committee-Paul Lubin, Tom Matthews, Emily Anne Dors and Mike McCue, and Debra Petty-Town Administrator.
- Review of Payroll: Payrolls for November and December were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Bills: Bills for November and December were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Minutes: Minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Christine Paiva the minutes were accepted. The motion passed.
- Library Director: Story Time- Nicole reported that attendance at story time fluctuates from week to week- some weeks there are only 2 children and other weeks there are 6. The plan is to continue story time.
- Book Club- Both sessions of Book Club are now being held at the Police Station.
- 100 Book Challenge- For the year 2022 the library is challenging library patrons to read 100 pre-selected books. As a patron reads one of the books their name will be entered into a raffle. The winner of the raffle will be drawn at the end of the year.
- Craft night continues. This is a monthly event held for adults at the White Library on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 4-7. This is a drop-in event, no pre-registration needed. Funds for the crafts come from the Programing Budget.
- Nicole will be meeting with Pat Kelleher to discuss planning a Teddy Bear Tea Party. Date to be determined.
- Nicole is working on setting up an Estate Planning workshop. Plans are for this to be held sometime in April.
- Nicole is putting together ideas for a "cook-book" club, this would be a spin-off from the Sweet Treats event held in December.

* Magnets- Nicole shared with the group the new magnets that were ordered for the patrons that have the Hathaway and White Library hours on them.

Nicole announced that she has jury duty on February 15, 2022.

Old Business: Book-drop – installed.

Rodent Problem – one dead mouse was found a week ago, no others since. The squirrels have not been heard.

New Business: Paul Sadeck shared with the group a conversation he had with Debra Petty earlier today regarding the size of a new library. Instead of focusing on a 9,000sq. foot library it was recommended that we should consider a 4-5,000sq, foot building. Brought up again was having the library adjacent to the senior center due to the fact that currently the town does not have the funds to support two buildings. After a lengthy discussion regarding the building of a new library taking into consideration the location of the building, the needs of the library community and the potential cost, an action plan was established. Debra Petty is going to find out how much land is available at the COA property. The Library Trustees will task the Library Planning Committee with doing a needs assessment and having an architect to draw up plans.

Next Meeting: February 17, 2022

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Amy Sypher and seconded by Christine Paiva at 8:35 pm. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Beverly Sadeck