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Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, September 15, 2022
7:00 pm
James White Library

Call to Order: Chairperson Linda Fournier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.

Present: Linda Fournier, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck, Christine Paiva, Nicole Davignon- Library Director, Ross Edminster- Library Building Trustee, Susan Chace- Library Building Trustee and Rick Kendrick- Library Building Trustee.

Absent: Irene Ashley and Amy Sypher.

Review of Payroll: Payrolls for June, July and August were reviewed – there were no questions or discussion.

Review of Bills: Bills for June, July and August were reviewed – there were no questions or discussion.

Review of Minutes: The minutes of the June 16 , 2022 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Paul Sadeck and seconded by Christine Paiva the minutes were approved. The motion passed.

Library Director: Nicole reported on the Summer Reading program. 98 children and 22 adults participated in the bingo. Adult take home crafts were available during the six week summer program. Alyssa also held story time twice a week during the summer. Nicole shared with the group the stats for the summer activities.

Brittany is currently working with a tech representative from SAILS regarding upgrades to the system.

Nicole shared with the group information about a speaker (Tom Weisberg) that she would like to book for the fall. The topic would be the Bridgewater Triangle. The cost of this program would be \$400. There is money available in the budget to cover this cost. The Trustees agreed that this topic would be of interest to the public. The program would be held in the police station community room. Nicole to contact the speaker and set a date.

Ukulele Day was held on September 10th and was a success. This program was paid for by a Cultural grant.

Nicole shared with the group that the libraries now have "teen" take home crafts. This is a way to reach out to teens and hopefully encourage them to visit the libraries.

Nicole will be updating the job descriptions for both Brittany and Alyssa.

Nicole and her staff are working on developing the " 1000 Books Before Kindergarten " program. More information to come.

For the months of November and December the library will be holding a " Common Threads " group. This group will focus on knitters and those who like to crochet. The group will be open to both experienced and novice crafters. Staff will be available to help those who want to learn a new craft. More information to follow.

Nicole and her staff are working on planning some after school activities. These activities will be part of the " Wonder Workshops". More information to follow.

Old Business:

A check for \$7500, from the previously existing Friends of the Library was received. This check was deposited in the donation account. The storage unit that the Friends had is still full. The plan is to request Althea to provide Nicole with the key to the storage unit so Nicole can go through the materials in the unit.

Donor Check: Due to the fact that the Town is unable to honor the request for a trust fund, the McCue family has agreed to the alternative suggestion that the donation of \$2000 be treated as a restricted donation to the library. The following terms are to be applied: a) any interest earned on this donation shall be credited to, and become part of this donated account, b)additional donations may be made in the future to increase the amount available and shall be credited to , and become part of this donation account, c) up to \$25.00 per year may be expended. If in any year the amount in the account, interest and principal combined, should exceed \$2,500.00 , then up to \$50.00 maybe expended in that year. On a motion made by Paul Sadeck and seconded by Beverly Sadeck the trustees voted to accept this donation with the stated terms. The motion passed.

Library/ Senior Center: no update.

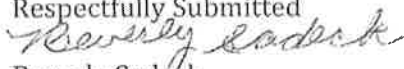
Status of insurance on the library contents of James White Library: The contents are now covered by the Town's insurance policy.

New Business: Members of the Library Building Trustees expressed their willingness to work with the Library Trustees to help maintain the James White library in good condition. The Building Trustees are aware that in the near future there is hope for a new library building. Discussion took place regarding the idea of the Town leasing the building from the trustees. Ross Edminister shared with the group a leasing proposal that was presented to the Selectmen in 2015. At that time the proposed leasing agreement was not accepted. The Building Trustees are again willing to lease the building to the Town if the Town is interested. New terms for the lease would need to be developed. Linda Fournier will contact Deb Petty to inform her of this development and determine if the Town would be interested. Once we have input from the Town Administration the plan will be to have a follow-up meeting with the Building Trustees.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:23pm was made by Paul Sadeck and seconded by Chris Paiva. The motion passed.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted


Beverly Sadeck

