

Freetown Board of Library Trustees  
Minutes of Thursday, August 19, 2021

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James White Library

- Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Paul Sadeck is recording the meeting.
- Present: Linda Fournier, Amy Sypher, Christine Paiva, Irene Ashley, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck, Nicole Davignon- Library Director, Paul Lubin- member of the Library Planning Committee and Pat Kelleher.
- Review of Payroll: Payrolls for June and July were reviewed- there were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Bills: Bills for June and July were reviewed- there were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Minutes: Minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Amy Sypher the minutes were accepted. The motion passed.
- Library Director: Nicole reported that the Summer Reading Program ends this week- 32 children and 5 adults participated. Included in the program were weekly crafts for children and bi-weekly crafts for adults.
- The COA Book Club has begun. So far there are 18 people participating. The first book discussion will be held on September 15, 2021.
- Fall Storytime with Miss Alyssa will begin on September 7<sup>th</sup>-to be held each Tuesday in September at 10:30 am- included with each storytime will be a children's craft. Beginning in September there will be a monthly inperson adult craft- the first one is planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Nicole reported that she is also planning an evening book club to be held monthly at the Police Station community room.
- Nicole reported that there has been a slow increase in the number of people signing up for library cards. People are becoming more aware of what the library has to offer. She reported that the street light work has begun in Assonet- so hopefully soon the Hathaway Library will have adequate outside lighting.
- Old Business: Pest Control: A company that the Town has a contract with has come in and set traps at the White Library. The company will be doing a follow-up visit.
- Book drop: Still in the process of being repaired.
- Long Range Plan: On a motion made by Christine Paiva and seconded by Linda Fournier the Strategic Plan FY 2023-2027 was accepted pending adjustments for the current population. The motion passed. A copy of the Strategic Plan will be

sent to each Selectmen and asked to be put on their meeting agenda for review and discussion.

New Business: Library Planning Committee: Paul Lubin from the Library Planning Committee explained the purpose of their group and what work their group has done in the past and what work still needs to be done. Paul to meet with a representative of the Town Building Committee and get back to this group with updated information.

Discussion took place regarding the status ( or lack of status ) of the Friends of the Library. No one seems to be able to provide information regarding the membership of this group. Nicole and Pat Kelleher are to work together to establish a new " Friends" group. When the proper paperwork is completed, this group would have the ability to apply for grants to be used for library needs. A motion was made by Amy Sypher and seconded by Linda Fournier to support the creation of " The Friends of the Library". The motion passed.

Paul Sadeck will again contact the Building Trustees and request that they attend a Library Trustee meeting.

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

Next meeting: September 23,2021

Respectfully Submitted

Beverly Sadeck