

Freetown Board of Library Trustees
Minutes of Thursday, September 28, 2023
6:30 pm
James White Library

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- Call to Order: Chairperson Paul Sadeck called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mr Sadeck is recording the meeting.
- Present: Linda Fournier, Courtney Brightman, Amy Sypher, Beverly Sadeck, Paul Sadeck, Nicole Davignon- Library Director and Mary Braney- Library Consultant.
- Absent: Irene Ashley
- Review of Payroll: Payrolls for July and August were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Bills: Bills for July and August were reviewed. There were no questions or discussion.
- Review of Minutes: Minutes for June 26, 2023 were reviewed. On a motion made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Amy Sypher the minutes were approved. The motion passed.
- Director's Report: Nicole reported that the State Aide report has been submitted and she is working on the Aris report.
- Nicole reported that Sharon Dorian, the new Senior Librarian, is doing very well and that she will be giving her additional responsibilities.
- A Halloween party will be held on Halloween Day at the James White Library.
- Nicole reported that the crafts nights continue to be well received. The wreath craft was very popular-additional classes were held.
- Alyssa will be on vacation 10/11 to 10/18.
- Books clubs are going well.
- Summer Reading program went well. The activities were well received.

Aylssa and Nicole made three school visits. During these visits 30 children signed up for library cards.

Old Business:

Mary Braney - Library Consultant, presented the trustees with a review of the Building Program that she has written for the Freetown Public Libraries. (The trustees had received copies of the Building Program prior to the meeting to reviewed in preparation for the meeting) . Mary explained that this Building Program reflects identified town needs for a new library. The Building Program document is a requirement of the grant process. Mary stressed that the town needs to make a decision regarding the COA/ Library joint building before the grant proposal can be submitted. Mary answered various questions that the trustees had regarding how needed space was determined.

A motion was made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Courtney Brightman to present to the selectmen a proposal for a 14,000 sq. foot library. The motion passed.

Nicole to request to have the Library placed on an upcoming selectmen's meeting agenda. Prior to meeting with the selectmen the trustees will review a ""high-light"" packet that will provide bullet points for the selectman. The selectmen will also be given a complete copy of the Building Program.

A motion to accept the written Building Program document with the name change of Trustee Room to Small Meeting Room was made by Linda Fournier and seconded by Courtney Brightman. The motion passed.

New Business:

Item addressed under Old Business.

Next Meeting:

October 26,2023

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Courtney Brightman and seconded by Linda Fournier. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted



Beverly Sadeck