

Board of Library Trustees Minutes
February 15, 2022
Via Zoom Call

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm.

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees: Carolyn Bell, Claire Goss, Kab Rabinowitz, Linda Weene; Library Director Meena Jain; Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe

Minutes from the 1/18/22 meeting approved with correction to one typo.

Directors Report

Meena presented to FinCom but was unable to share slides, due to tech issues. Print-outs of her slides were available. FinCom members surprised to see in the budget that library programs are supported by Friends. Next steps, FinCom will make their recommendations and Michael Herbert will make decisions based on that.

Meena currently has 1,130 responses to strategic planning survey. The second strategic planning meeting took place last week. One question raised was in regards to library identity: who are we and who do we want the library be in the future? Another point was raised about how the library can improve communication: people want to attend the programs the library us offering, they just don't know that the programs are happening.

Bonnie suggested a poster with survey results for the library saying: "We asked for your opinion...here's what you said."

A new disaster preparedness plan is needed. Claire, Linda, and Lois will work with Meena on a draft.

Meena is still not planning to open the meeting room for use by the public.

Meena reports that the MLN voted that patrons will no longer have expiration dates on cards. This is problematic because it reduces the contact and tracking data for patrons.

Friends of the APL update: Meena explained new Gift Policy (purchases by Friends belong to APL, the library purchase belong to the town). Friends will then vote to hand over care of the telescope and the Bose sound system.

Meena is planning another eBay auction for the end of this year, this time you can bid to win a letter from your favorite author.

APL is moving from a monthly newsletter to a weekly newsletter

Lois reported that the 3 weeks of hybrid programs on Zoom are going well and Read-to-a-Dog is back in person.

No community participation

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm. Next meeting is on March 15, 2022 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Claire Goss
Secretary