

**Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees - Meeting Minutes -  
November 13, 2019**

The Meeting was called to order by Board President Charlie Oliver at 5:57 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

Trustees: Vic Bonneville, Cathleen DeSimone, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Chris Johnson; Staff: Krystal Brown

**MINUTES**

Minutes of October 2019 meeting were approved.

**BUSINESS REQUIRED BY LAW**

None

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was a motion to approve Warrant # 5 in the amount of \$7,636.91. It was approved. A motion to accept a receipt of gifts in the amount of \$25.00 was approved.

At October's Board of Trustees meeting it was not voted on to transfer funds in the amount of Warrant # 4, \$2,830.52, in the absence of the Board President and the Treasurer. A motion was made at this time to transfer the amount of Warrant # 4 to the operating account. The motion was approved.

A motion was made to transfer the amount of Warrant # 5 in the amount of \$7,636.91 to the operating budget. It was approved..

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Chris reported on the success of this year's Big Read program. Submission date for the 2020 Big Read grant is January 29. Since this marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage the Committee is looking to select a book by a female author. Several titles are under consideration.

A Summer Learning Grant has been submitted to the MBLC to support STEAM programs for grades 3 through 8. LSTA grants for 2020 are being reviewed, and Chris is planning to seek funding from local sources as well.

The Board approved the Staff proposal to conduct a Fine-Free Amnesty month during April in celebration of National Library Week and Tax Day.

With the Library's current long-range plan ending in 2021, Chris is asking for direction from the Board on how to proceed with the next plan, 2021-2022. The Board recommended getting staff input on the plan, and the Board will give input after that. Her suggestion for an

updated catch phrase for a starting point for the revised plan is “Your place to read, learn, connect & grow.”

Regarding the change in age for unattended minors in the library, there was some discussion, but no action taken. Again there was discussion on having 9 years of age be the age for unattended minors; but the age of another minor accompanying and being responsible for a child under the age of 9 was not determined. Ages 13 to 16 were mentioned for this role.

Although there has been a policy in place regarding the age of unaccompanied minors, there is no Policy Manual with all Library Policies on file. Charlie suggested that this is something that perhaps the Board should work on developing.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Amazon Smile is up and running!

An update on challenging patrons was reported. A patron with a “no trespass” status has requested a lift of the ban. Chris and Charlie will meet with the patron and offer a contract where, if he agrees to abide by library code of conduct, he will be welcomed back as an active patron.

Tobey suggested that Sgt. Beaudet of the Attleboro Police through the Community Care Intervention Team (CCIT), which works with adults and youth, could be a resource for challenging teen patrons who may benefit from assistance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. in the Balfour Room. Some Board members will attend.

A Volunteer Appreciation Coffee Hour is planned for Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Balfour Room. Some Board members will attend.

Chris requested \$500 for the Staff Holiday Event. No date has been determined as of yet, but it will take place after December. A motion was made, and this was approved.

Cathleen DeSimone will be leaving the Board as she has been elected a City Councilor-at-Large. Charlie asks that Board members think about someone to replace Cathleen on the Board. In addition, the Board will be looking for someone to fill the role of Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Next meeting: December 11, 2019