

MINUTES Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees

12/11/2019 6:00 PM | Meeting called to order by Board President Charlie Oliver

In Attendance

Trustees: L. Binns, V. Bonneville, C. DeSimone, C. Oliver, D. Mangiaratti, T. Reed, Eileen Struminski

Staff: C. Johnson, K. Redfern

Guests: T. Waterman (Attleboro City Councilor)

Minutes

Minutes of November 13, 2019 reviewed and approved with two minor revisions: date changed from November 11 to November 13 and spelling correction in New Business section (“Chirs” to “Chris”).

Treasurer’s Report

Charlie presented Warrant #6 for \$4752.79 which was reviewed and approved. Charlie requested funds for Warrant #6 be transferred from the Trust funds into checking account; moved and approved. Gifts and donations totaling \$89.66 received and accepted on motion. No checking account balance information available. Board expressed appreciation for the Carty family’s generosity in directing donations in John’s name be made to APL.

Director’s Report

Written report submitted and reviewed. Chris also read aloud a letter from Mr. Norman Phinney apologizing for his recent behavior and expressing his desire to return to APL upon release from incarceration. Chris will discuss this matter with her staff and apprise the Board of further developments.

Unfinished Business

Chris presented information about revising the unattended minors policy; including a draft revised APL policy and several examples of other libraries’ policies. Board members will review materials and discuss changing the policy at a future meeting. Cathleen gave a brief update of the Legislative Breakfast that was held on December 6th. In attendance were Rep. Jim Hawkins and a proxy from Sen. Feeney’s office; both officials expressed their continuing appreciation of and support for APL. A new trustee is needed to replace Cathleen who is leaving the Board to serve as a new Municipal Councilor starting in January. Charlie said he had been contacted from an individual interested in being on the Board and he will be forwarding that person’s name and resume to the Mayor for consideration.

New Business

Mr. Waterman asked if the Board would consider writing a report on the positive impacts of the APL space/use study conducted last spring. He would like to present this report to the Municipal Council. Linda and Eileen reported that regarding selecting an OPM, the MBC recently interviewed three companies and will be recommending STVDPM to the Municipal Council. Chris mentioned that there was some discussion in a library chat group about publicly posting sex offender lists in libraries and she inquired as to whether APL wanted to continue to do so. The Attleboro Police Department distributes a list of level 2 and 3 sex offenders living in the area and APL has been posting this list on a bulletin board with other community information. After a brief discussion, the Board indicated its support for the continued posting of this information. Vic inquired about fixing the grandfather clock in the marble room (second floor). Chris will be requesting quotes for repair.

Next Meeting: January 8, 2020 @ 6:15pm