

Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes—May 11, 2022

Board Members: Cindy Lorincz, Judy Lusk, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, David Pierce
Mahesh Patel

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

APL Staff: Dan Boudreau

1. Minutes

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. Charlie made a correction to section 8 under *New Business, Review State Formula Aid*. The second sentence ought to read: “The city needs to appropriate an amount 2.5% higher than the average of the last three appropriations.” There being no other changes, the Minutes were approved.

2. Business Required by Law

None

3. Treasurer’s Report

Mahesh presented Warrant #10. \$200 has been received from Jeff Nelson to purchase books to honor Rotarians at the June banquet.

Charlie noted that the current balance at Rockland is down \$23,000 from last month, reflecting changes in the market. He also noted that a check was received from the Milford Bliss Trust.

A Motion was made to approve the Report and move the amount of \$2,722.71 from Rockland to cover Warrant #10. Diane moved the Motion, Judy seconded. The Motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

None

5. Director’s Report

- There is continued fluctuation in building temperatures. This issue will hopefully be rectified in June. The water heater recently broke, resulting in excessive hot water coming forth from the sinks. This may result in a need to replace the rented water heater.
- There is an effort to address a variety of smaller but significant projects around the interior and exterior of the building, including making repairs and upgrades to the front lawn sign and replacing some locks. Amy is seeking recommendations for insured handworkers who could attend to some of these projects.
- There is a lead on a professional muralist to create some murals in the Children’s Section. The aim is to tie the mural work to “brain-building” activities.
- The Garden Club, along with some employees from Sensata, spruced up the gardens!
- For the upcoming Celebration on 6/25, Amy will approach Superintendent David Sawyer to see if he would represent the School Department.

- Amy and the APL staff will be visiting schools to talk-up the Summer Reading Program.
- The NEA Grant was received!
- The title of the book for the Big Read cannot be made public until June 15th.
- The City Council will receive the APL budget on May 17th. A request for an additional staff member at 15 hours/week is included. It was noted that while we continue to operate beneath minimum standards for receiving state aid, this will help us move us in the right direction for being able to increase our operating hours.
- The unexpected \$11,000 electric bill is still being resolved.
- Staff continue to work hard to balance their daily work with the responsibilities that come from being a public building where the safety of all patrons, staff, and visitors must be ensured.

6. Unfinished Business

- Input from Board Members for the Director's Evaluation is due to Charlie now. Given that this is the first time the BOD is providing evaluation, it will be helpful to also give feedback regarding the evaluative process and tool.
- The Celebration is on 6/25 from 2 – 4 p.m. Those who are willing to help should speak with Charlie.
- The accounting system upgrade is progressing. The goal is to have the new system functioning by the end of June.
- The Material Selection Policy discussion will be deferred to the next meeting. The BOD is encouraged to review the materials shared by Beth and Amy prior to the June meeting.

7. New Business

Charlie referenced an article published in the Sun Chronicle on 5/11/22 about how the senior population in Attleboro is underserved. He encouraged the Board to read the article with an eye towards how future efforts to better services might overlap with the APL.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be on June 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Pierce