

Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:29 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Mahesh Patel, David Pierce, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

Staff: Kate Butler

1. Introductions

Kate Butler - Head of Circulation

2, Minutes of October Meeting

The Minutes were approved with the following correction:

Next meeting: Nov. 13, 2023 changed to Nov. 8, 2023.

3. Business Required by Law

None

4. Treasurer's Report

Warrant #5 in the amount of \$2,676.56 was presented. Donations totaling \$1,773.49 were reported.

There were motions to accept the donations and transfer \$2,676.56 to the checking account. Both were approved.

Amy reported that a staff member was reimbursed \$782.68 for costs related to Summer Reading, crafternoons and other programs over the last five months. She said that in the future staff will submit bills for reimbursement more frequently.

Charlie reported that the Marie Chiarenza fund has close to \$10,000 that is designated for educational purposes.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

5. Director's Report

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- The Staff Holiday Party is in the planning stages. A motion was made to donate \$1,000 for the event which takes place in January. The Board voted to approve the funding.
- Longtime library patron, Gerri Beauregard, recently deceased, had listed the APL to be recipient of memorial donations.
- Amy will meet with the Mayor tomorrow to discuss Capital Improvement Projects.
- Issues with the locks in the building are being addressed.
- More quotes on security cameras are needed.
- There has been vandalism in the Men's Room.
- Two grants were submitted to the Attleboro Cultural Council.
- The no-trespass sanctions involving two teens have been lifted.
- The Pumpkin Painting event had heavy participation. Well over 400 patrons visited the Library that day.
- The Brave Book event took place with small numbers in attendance.
- Amy attended Discrimination Rights Training provided by the Attleboro Commission on Disability.
- Fire Department personnel will provide training on the use of the recently acquired defibrillator.
- Teen/Tween programs have seen increased participation.

- The Community Read Firefighter Read-aloud drew 30 kids. Another event is scheduled for Nov. 18, the same day as the Friends' Book Sale.
- The Library is not planning to apply for an NEA Big Read grant for next year, but will look at other options for a Community Read.
- The Attleboro History Collection is being weeded.
- The Friends group has several fundraising initiatives underway. Amy provided a copy of the minutes of the Friends of APL meeting to Board members.

There was positive comment by Board members on the Human Rights Commission's joint resolution condemning racist and antisemitic graffiti at Balfour River Park.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Electronic Sign

Funding for the sign has plateaued. Another \$12,000 is needed to reach the \$50,000 cost. The Board is looking for other funding options - perhaps using endowment funds with state reimbursement or using state money designated for downtown projects.

B. Strategic Planning

Department heads continue to refer to the Strategic Plan goals and report on what they are hitting.

7. New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Next meeting: Dec. 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Svendsen