

Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:31 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Bill Gill, Cindy Lorincz, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, David Pierce, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

Library Director: Amy Rhilinger

Guest: Brian French

1. Introductions

Brian French - Library patron

2. Minutes of Prior Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January meeting as presented. The motion passed.

3. Business Required by Law

None

4. Treasurer's Report

Warrant #6 in the amount of \$2478.00 was presented.

Amy pointed out that the staff apparel listed on the Warrant was for APL sweatshirts for all staff members. Bill asked what Ingram Library Services is, and Amy said it is the vendor from whom they purchase most of the books.

The balance in the checking account is \$5,071.62. A motion was made to accept the report as presented. It passed.

A motion was made to transfer the amount of the Warrant from Rockland Trust to the checking account. It was approved.

Charlie asked about the gift of \$5,000.00 from Mahesh that was accepted at the last meeting. He wanted to know if it was an unrestricted gift. That was not established at last month's meeting, but we will check with Mahesh as to his intent for the donation.

5. Director's Report

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- HVAC work continues. Cool temperatures in the Children's Room are still making the space uncomfortable.
- The Library will be closed for the month of December for the installation of the carpeting. With the Library closed staff will need to find places to work, as working from home is not allowed. David Sawyer, School Superintendent has said that there would be room in the schools to host Library Staff in December.
- Diane attended the Staff Training Day. Staff gave a positive review of the presentation by Kate Robinson, the new social worker. The Strategic Goals were discussed as part of the day.
- Amy has been invited to an information session on the city's South Attleboro 1/1A corridor plan.
- An NEA Big Read grant has been submitted.
- The Friends group is gearing up for Library Giving Day. Proceeds from this year's fundraising

effort will be used for the purchase of new furniture.

6. Unfinished Business

A. Strategic Plan update

Amy mentioned that the four goals of the Plan were talked about at the Staff Training Day: community connecting, meaningful marketing, user friendly facility, lifelong learning.

B. Flooring Replacement update

See Director's Report.

7. New Business

A. Policy Committee meetings update

It was suggested that it might be time to look at policies for updating, and it was mentioned that any planned meetings must be posted.

B. Nominating Committee

Diane appointed Judy, Tobey and Cindy to the Nominating Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting: March 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Svendsen