

CPL Board Meeting 5-16-23

Meeting Minutes

Trustee Attendees: Kathy Bennett, Jeanne Wright, Andrea Libby, James Cousins, Julie Laracy, Corey Genest

Staff attendees: David Smolen, Jeff Beavers

Meeting started: 4:01pm

Public Comment: Rachel Sharples asked if we would be discussing the recently challenged book. It was not on the agenda.

Motion to accept meeting minutes for Jan. 17, April 18 and May 2 - James
Seconded - Kathy

All in Favor: AYE - 5; 1 abstained

Motion to accept non-public notes from Jan. and April - James
Seconded - Andrea
All in Favor: AYE- 5; 1 abstained

Unanticipated Revenue Report: \$56
Motion to accept - James
Seconded: Julie
All in Favor: AYE - 6

Directors Report - David presented the Director's Report
Motion to accept: James
Seconded: Jeanne
All in Favor: Aye - 6

Treasurers Report

Jason presented the Treasurer's Report
Motion to Accept: James
Seconded: Julie
All in Favor: Aye - 6

Friends Report

They are participating in NH Gives on our behalf.
Library will support with social and email.
Still looking for a new trustee liaison.

Cybersecurity Policy:

Discussion ensued about the latest iteration of the draft policy.

Motion to accept as written omitting final suggestions but including revision history - James

Seconded - Andrea

All in Favor: Aye - 6

Freedom to Read Statement Review:

Motion to accept Freedom to Read statement - Jason

Seconded - Julie

All in Favor: Aye - 6

Meeting Room Policy Review:

The trustees reviewed the meeting room policy and indicated no changes were necessary.

NHLTA Meeting:

Andrea, David and Kathy shared their experience at the NHLTA Annual Conference.

Andrea recommended this book on conversations about race from one of the workshops:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/the-diversity-factor-james-t-mckim/1141462721>

Bookmobile Update:

David gave a report on the progress on the work on the Bookmobile and how they could use it for programming. Preparing to submit a grant to the Manton Foundation - we've been invited to apply. Need to work on logistical issues including storage and security; and ownership.

Timeframe to submit a grant: November.

Board Member Issues:

Meeting Time Poll - 2nd Wed. of the month - 4:30pm

Andrea made a motion to move the meeting to the 2nd Wed. of the month at 4:30pm

Seconded: Jason

All in Favor: Aye

Next Meeting: June 14 at 4:30pm

Calendar invite sent to all trustees.

NHLTA - Library of the Year Award:

David to write a first draft.

Board must unanimously support submitting a nomination.

NHLTA Book Bans and Censorship: Managing Public Comment Program next Tues. May 23 from 2-3pm - James, Julie and David attending; Jeanne and Andrea are interested.

Director Contract:

David asked to proceed without a contract - the option to be employed like any other employee.

Ratify change of employment terms from contracted to employed library director.

David's acceptance of this change in employment is in writing and will be provided to Krista Day.
James acknowledged receipt of it via email.

Entered nonpublic at 5:38pm.

Reentered public session at 5:56pm

James - motion made to seal the minutes

Andrea - seconded motion

Roll call vote to seal the minutes:

Andrea, Jeanne, James, Jason, Kathy

These minutes recorded by Kathy Bennett