

Peterborough Town Library Board of Trustees

Draft Minutes

September 17, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:57 pm

Trustees Present: Marcia Patten (Chair), Laura Hanson (Secretary), Karen Struthers (Treasurer), Ron Bowman, & Deb Caplan (alternate)

Others Present: Corinne Chronopoulos (Library Director), Ron McIntire (1833 Society)

Prior to September's Board meeting, a surprise announcement was made by Deb Kaplan, a New Hampshire Library Trustee Board member that Corinne was one of two winners of this year's NHLA's NH Librarian of the Year award. A festive party followed with speeches by Marcia Patten on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Aimee LaRue on behalf of the staff, and Ron McIntire on behalf of the 1833 Society.

Minutes from August 13, 2020 meeting accepted with change of adding Karen Struther's name in attendance. LH, RB

August 31, 2020 Treasurer's report approved. RB, LH

Director's Report Highlights

Corinne is currently doing annual staff evaluations and working with the staff to begin planning for the next year ahead.

The temporary library opened in mid-September to the public for brief visits and browsing. Curbside pick-up will remain a service for the foreseeable future. Interlibrary loan services are now available and the state van is running.

Youth services has shifted their priorities so that teens and tweens receive more of their focus. Aimee will be taking the lead on young adult programs and services.

The BIG read, I'm Still Here...Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness, is underway with lots of community support. Mary and Corinne are planning a conference for February about racial justice. Corinne is currently drafting the policy for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice and hopes to share it with the Board at the October meeting.

Until the new library is open, Corinne has cancelled newspaper subscriptions.

Corinne reviewed the current budget with the Board which is "on budget."

Motion to accept the Director's Report. KS, RB Motion Passed

1833 Society Report

Ron McIntire reported for the 1833 Society. A little over \$200,000 still needs to be raised for the capital campaign. The next big fundraising appeal will mail out after Thanksgiving and will be in coordination with Giving Tuesday.

Corinne and Mike Morison are closely tracking the construction budget and have expended 15% of the budget to date, but only 5% of the contingency budget.

The next major event will be the “tree topping” and beam signing ceremony at the project site which will happen on September 29th.

Other Business

Motion to have Marcia talk with the library alternates to learn if they would like to be re-appointed and to write to the Select Board for re-appointment. KS, RB Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:35 PM RB, LH

Next meeting: Thursday, October 16th at 6:30 PM (in person)

Respectfully submitted, Laura Hanson