

## Board of Trustees, 3/8/2022

**Committee:** Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees

**Place:** Virtually

**Date:** March 8, 2022

**Posted Meeting Time:** 5:00pm

Call to Order: Doris Cowdrey called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

**Chairperson's statement:** This meeting is not being recorded by the Library Board of Trustees. If any other persons present are recording this meeting, they must notify the chairperson at this time.

**Roll Call:** Sarah Ahearn-Bellmare, Bill Benson, Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Doris Cowdrey, Joseph Ruggeri, Sam Wood

**Other:** Ellen Boyer (Director), Lisa Prolman (Ass't Director)

**Public:** Bob Williford, juniot

- Changes/Additions to the Agenda
- Public Comment
- Approval of minutes from January and February meetings

Statement from the Chair of being in solidarity with Ukraine

**MOTION:** On a motion by Jonathan seconded by Sarah, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the January meeting minutes

**MOTION:** On a motion by Jonathan seconded by Bill, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To approve the February meeting minutes

- Friends Report
  - No spelling bee this year as no good way to put it together
  - Whittling down list of fundraising ideas; two that people are interested in working on
    - mini book sale
      - looking for storage locations
      - also looking for sale location
    - BINGO game
  - Looking for 4 new board members
  - Average click rate on Friends newsletter has gone up from 35% to 50% since putting up information and videos of the new library
- New Business
  - Collection Development Policy
    - with current political climate, it is wise to again look at this policy
    - would like trustees to look at and make sure it says what we want it to say
    - once this has been done, the information will go to the staff as they are front line when complaints about materials come in
    - Question about Reconsideration of Materials

- wondering about what the process entails; current policy doesn't list steps that will be taken
  - Is there guidance on fortifying the policy from other organizations?
  - need to focus on the growing teen/tween collections, esp. graphic novels as that tends to be where the focus is right now; language around teen section should be differentiated from the children's room section
  - need to have a resilient policy to protect materials from a political barrage to censor books
  - send thoughts to Ellen who will work on reworking policy once comments have been received
    - once the policy has been updated, it will be read at meeting
    - the month after it will be voted on
- Old Business and Committee Reports
  - Building Committee
    - Steel is going up
      - a month process to make sure it is level and stable
      - end of March
    - FF&E is currently waiting for information from the architect
      - samples have been delivered to the library
      - feel free to go look
      - samples are coming in at random, so not all furniture for one area can be compared
    - Beam signing will take place on Saturday, 3/19
      - will be in construction site; roped off
      - markers will be provided – white, silver, gold
      - we need 4 people from 10-12 to direct traffic and keep people out of the rest of the site
  - Foundation
    - Donor relations committee will be starting up soon
    - Working on finding out what the future of the committee will be with Mitch Anthony who has worked with GCC; wants to bring the community together
    - Discussions about branding; planning interviews to collect information and data
      - What does committee think the Foundation is?
      - What do outsiders think about the Foundation?
- Director's Report
  - If we need a waiver next year, Ellen would love to have Jonathan come sit down with Mayor and Councillor Forgey to explain that if we are \$4,000-\$6,000 short, it behooves us to have the city make up that amount
  - Operating hours are reduced; MBLC has suspended the hours requirement for State Aid through June 30.
    - This gives us time to find a replacement for our permanent part-time position
    - We probably will not go back to full hours until July 1
    - tents on the lawn will be going back
      - will allow for outdoor story time on the lawn
      - other outdoor programming

- this will be the last summer we need to have the tents as library should be open by summer 2023
- Governor said public meetings can be done virtually until July, so we will continue meeting this way
  - Ellen will check to see if official city bodies can meet on Zoom instead of WebEx

**MOTION:** On a motion by Jonathan seconded by Bill, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** To adjourn the meeting

*Meeting ended at 5:52pm.*