

Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 5:00 PM

Chair's statement:

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Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Chair Cowdry

Roll Call Members: Doris Cowdry, Jonathan Cohen-Gorczyca, Bill Benson, Ann Dillon, Jim Zacarra, Sarah Ahearn Bellemare, Sam Wood (via Zoom). all present

Also Present:

Anna Bognolo, Director, Lisa Prolman, Assistant Director, Paul Jablon, Friends representative

Public Comments:

None

Approval of Minutes: From October 8th meeting. Motion made by Ann and seconded by Jim. Minutes were approved unanimously

Friends Report

Paul discussed the Newsletter and website changes. Encouraged feedback from those present about the changes and whether they found it streamlined, better, or anything else. Encouraged those who haven't reviewed changes to do so. Discussed book sale success from 11.2.2024. Eventually encouraged patrons to fill bags for set price toward end of sale.

New Business:

Behavior Concerns in library was discussed further. Handful of libraries using social workers to assist staff, create relations with patrons, find ways to assist. Staff has the burden of being removed from their responsibilities to deal with patron issues. Discussion included possibility of full/part time social worker, college programs internships, etc. No clear solution or answer.

Building Project Update: Solar went online November 1, 2024 but then was shut down. Issues not resolved as of meeting date but being looked into further. David Brock to lead periodic cleanups at library.

Art Exhibits: Clark Arts will be donating 3D case to library. Will be picked up in the near future on-site and brought back to library. RATS committee to meet to determine roll out. Need to ensure artists that they still technically own the art.

Library Policies: The following policies were either new, reviewed, amended, or updated and presented at the meeting. To be voted upon at the next meeting

Behavior Policy

Children's Room Policy

Meeting Room Policy

Acceptable Use Computer and Internet

Greenfield Public Library Request for Review of Library Resources

Makerspace Policy

Greenfield Public Library Program Policy

Greenfield Public Library Study Room Policy

Visiting the Library Policy

Old Business:

Lighting issues have been resolved. Wayfinding bid documents prepared. Should go out December 5th.

Adjournment: Motion made by Sarah, seconded by Jonathan. Agreed upon unanimously.