



Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

Date: March 21, 2022

Location: Zoom

Trustees Attending:

Mark Orton (President), Caitie Hilverman (Vice President), Michael Grisham (Treasurer), Dani French (Secretary), Jessica Almeleh-Frazer, AnnaMaria Assevero, Miranda Barry, Elizabeth Dickey, Kimberly Erwin, Gary Sheffer,, Carol Pledger, Julia Black, Charlie Wittingham, Bill Stenehjem

Excused:

Absent: Kris Weiss, Kenneth Kraus

Staff Attending: Emily Chameides (Director)

Others Attending: Janet Miller, Janet Schnitzer (Friends)

Annual Meeting

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:42pm and reviewed the agenda.

Minutes from the March 2021 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved by a motion from Michael Grisham and seconded by Carol Pledger. Vote to approve minutes was unanimous.

Motion to approve 2021 Annual Report made by Charlie Wittingham and seconded by Caitie Hilverman. Vote to approve the Annual Report was unanimous.

Mark's comments:

- This was Mark's final meeting as President. Thanked Caitie for stepping up to help when his job made being president difficult and commended the job Emily has done as director. He recounted how the new library venue was achieved. Mark looks forward to one more year on the board.
- Thanked Miranda and Ken for their contributions to the library and for continuing to help out.

Election of the Officers

Caitie Hilverman, President
Julia Black, Vice President
Michael Grisham, Treasurer
Dani French, Secretary

Motion to approve slate of candidates by Liz Dickey, seconded by Charlie Wittingham. Dani French cast her slate vote as secretary. The slate of candidates were elected by unanimous vote.

Approval of the Budget

The motion to approve the budget made by Carol Pledger and seconded by Charlie Wittingham. The budget was approved with a unanimous vote.

Emily's presentation

- We started the year with appointment-only browsing and equipment use, phased in regular library access and in-person programming
- We saw 40,074 visits (down from 100,000 pre-pandemic). The drop was largely because we haven't been hosting big in-person programs.
- 347 new library cardholders
- 5,000 items added to collection and added some special circulating collections
- Added Recite Me accessibility software for regular site and history site
- 17,833 WiFi sessions.
- New self-checkout station
- Mix of in-person and virtual programs
- Children's programming and tween/teen programming
- Adult programs with speaker programs and language programs, Literacy Connections offered classes and tutoring partners
- Library of Local offered seed libraries and gardening/pollinating programs for kids and adults, early literacy kits, and a chestnut roast—highlighting the library is more than just a space!
- Local history interest is growing. Emily thanked Gary and Brenda for their history room leadership.
- Community Services: Offered giveback opportunities and became a prime pickup location for COVID tests and masks.
- Emily commended Fundraising and Events for all their hard work
- Looking ahead to working with new partners
 - Going to work to provide diverse books at various events
 - Encourage board participation
 - Continue to welcome more people to the library

Motion to adjourn made by Liz Dickey and seconded by Carol Pledger. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Dani French, March 21, 2022
Recording Secretary

March 23, 2023
Date of approval