

Worth-Pinkham Memorial Library

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 17, 2023 at 7:00pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Open Meeting Act Statement

Meeting called to order at: 7:01pm

In attendance: H. Crowley, P. Crossley, K. Clark, D. Policastro, J. Clutterbuck, L. Surz, C. Richards, D. Mardy, K. Cosenza, M. Taylor

Not in attendance: J. Mongelli, H. Turk

2. Minutes

Minutes of 3/27/2023 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve: J. Clutterbuck

Second: L. Surz

All in favor.

3. Public Session

No public in attendance.

4. Trustee Reports

a. Treasurer, Herman Crowley

Capital Account Balance: \$147,483.70

Operating Account Balance: \$170,127.50

Total: \$317,611.20

Bills List Total: \$15,196.04

Motion to Approve: H. Crowley

Second: J. Clutterbuck

All in favor.

5. Library Director Report, Morgan Taylor, MLS

Circulation and Collections:

- March 2023 circulation totaled 3,362
 - Increase of 14% from February 2023
 - Increase of 12% from March 2022
- 141 items were added to the collection and 148 were withdrawn

BCCLS News:

- New BCCLS branding approved

Programming:

- 4 programs each for youth and adults as well as the NJ Madness bracket.
- For National Library Week take home crafts will be available
- Tuesday 4/25 is National Library Workers Day. The Board will be providing an appreciation lunch for staff.
- For June, the library is planning a LGBTQ+ collective book club

Community Engagement:

- 10 Orvil Court Improvements Committee met 4/13/23
- The Borough has hired a preconstruction management consultant to help with early steps.

First Quarter Highlights:

- Compared to this time last year, circulation is up for adult fiction, digital books and media, juvenile nonfiction
- Social Media reach up 244%, and foot traffic up 16%

National Library News:

- ALA tracks challenges on books/attempts to restrict library resources. Since 2020 the number of challenges have doubled each year. Materials, resources and displays. Challenges are coming from organizations or groups, rather than individuals. Themes usually relate to anti-racism, LGBTQ+ and sex education.

Youth Services:

- 1456 titles for youth circulation.
- Displays centered around St. Patrick's Day and Women's History month
- Programming included story times and offerings for NJ Makers Day .
- K. Cosenza is tracking data to drive program and activity planning.
- Summer reading planning is underway

6. Borough Council Liaison Report, Councilman Dane Policastro

- Pleased with the progress the committee is making
- The goal is to refer a proposal to the Mayor and Council by the fall. Working with consultant to engage with an architect. The architect will provide a conceptual proposal including budget and scope.

7. Superintendent of Schools Report, Dr. Diane Mardy

- Summer Reading Committee of students and faculty is picking the HHK summer reads. Decisions to be made shortly and shared with the library.
- The Ed Foundation Gala is this coming Friday.
- Due to break ground on Duffield Hall in June.

8. Committee Reports

None

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

The Personnel Committee needs to meet to discuss M. Taylor's evaluation. The committee has not had a chance to meet yet, but will before the May meeting.

11. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn: H. Crowley

Seconded: D. Mardy

Time of Adjournment:7:50

Date of Next Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00pm