



Diane Giarrusso, Library Director

Meeting: 5/10/22

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Place: Tewksbury Public Library Meeting Room

Members present: Lori Carriere, Patrick Joyce, Susanne Pedersen, Julie Naughton, Bonnie Page and Chris Castiglione

Also Present: Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian, and Jeannine Briley

The meeting was called to order at 6:59p.m. by Chairman Lori Carriere.

Lori Carriere introduced and welcomed to the Board two new members: Julie Naughton and Susanne Pederson.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Bonnie Page, seconded by Lori Carriere to accept the minutes of 3/8/2022. The motion was passed with corrections to change “Paige” to Page” noted. Julie Naughton and Susanne Pedersen abstained from voting.

Reorganization:

- Lori Carriere nominated Patrick Joyce to the position of Chairman, Bonnie Page seconded the nomination and it passed by unanimous vote.
- Lori Carriere nominated Bonnie Page to the position of Vice Chair, Chris Castiglione seconded the nomination and it passed by unanimous vote.
- Bonnie Page nominated Julie Naughton to the position of Clerk, Susanne Pedersen seconded the nomination and it passed by unanimous vote.
- Chairman Patrick Joyce appointed the whole Trustee Board Members to take a monthly rotation to be liaisons to the Friends of the Library. All members agreed to this plan.

Comments:

- The Director commented that there should be further discussion about the Collection Development Policy and we could approve it for next month. The changes to be made are in the draft copy of the policy. There is a renewed interest in censorship and is much more troubling than in the past. There are organized groups that are funded by political

organizations that thrive on the attention their requests bring as they keep coming back to disrupt School Board, Trustees, and City Council meetings with continual requests to remove items. This policy is due for revision and Diane is following guidance that libraries are receiving to strengthen requests for consideration sections. As well, Diane is meeting with Town counsel to discuss the policy to ensure it is legally defensible. The Director would like the Board to pay close attention to pages 1, 6 & 7 these are additions and changes to strengthen our policy. Any questions please email the Director.

Directors Comments:

- We will be closed for the carpet installation June 6th to the 17th.
- Our teen Librarian Emily finished her Master's Degree!
- Summer Reading Theme is Read Beyond the Beaten Path. There is a website of points of interest in MA libraries and Nicole listed our Mico Kaufman collection and our Bob Shay mural on the website.
- Siobhan Robinson resigned in May and the posting for a new Reference Librarian is posted.

Comments:

- Chris Castiglione shares his vote of confidence with the Director to hold line with collection development and awareness with what is going on locally and nationally.
- Lori Carriere is requesting that the bathroom door be put back on for privacy purposes.
- Susanne Pedersen recommends everyone of the Trustees to go to a Friends meeting, to network and meet the members.

Future Meetings:

June 14, 2022 – 6:45 pm

July – off

August - off

September 13, 2022 - 6:45pm

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Bonnie Page to adjourn the meeting, Lori Carriere seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved Minutes for 5/10/22 by BLT on 6/14/22

Attachments: April & May Calendars for Adult, Children's and Teen. A thank you letter to the Board; a copy of the article written by Nicole Goolishian "Book groups at your library", a draft of Procedure for contested Library Materials and the Collection Development policy, and Director's Report 5/10/22