

Pierson Library Board of Trustees
February 17, 2022. 6:30pm

Attendees: Kevin Unrath (Director). Trustees: Lisa Merrill, Alex Nalbach, Charlotte Albers, Becky Jewett, Alice Brown, Holly Brough, Kristin Kelly Jangraw. Student member: Eliza Brooks.

Call to Order 6:32pm.

Alex joined meeting at 6:50pm.

Approval of Agenda

Charlotte moved to approve agenda, Alice seconded; all voted in favor.

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Alice made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/20, Holly seconded; all voted in favor.

Director Update

On target for budget spending. The ARPA federal stimulus funds have been received by the town. Outdoor furniture has been ordered; working on materials purchase for remainder of grant funds. Library circulation in January was good despite low visitor numbers, however Kevin expects to be on target for a goal of 77,000 visitors this year as outlined in the Strategic Plan. New building enhancements include fire safety door locks and signage.

Kanopy, a streaming service, will go on next month's agenda; Kevin will have more information on what it costs and how it supports our library community. He plans to order 2,000 new library cards using his materials budget. Cards will have new logo; Holly to consult. Lisa suggests developing a how-to handout for online accounts and accessing databases which would be distributed to everyone getting a new card or replacing an old one.

Local artist Chris Sharp has offered a large scale outdoor sculpture as a temporary installation. Kevin will check with town about feasibility and hopes to schedule a site walk with the artist soon. More information to come next month.

On the professional development front Kevin is working with the American Library Association's Office of Public Policy and Advocacy to advocate for public library funding.

Treasurer Report

Alex shared report for January through Feb. 17 and plans to work on an expenditure report to share with board that shows expense categories. Will ask the town treasurer about being a backup for check writing on the account.

Other Items

Story Walk: first display is up at the library. Kristin on maternity leave starting in May. Holly offered to help; student trustees could help as well.

Upcoming program: illustrator Jason Chin is coming March 12th to do a talk and book signing at Town Hall. Co-sponsored with The Flying Pig bookstore.

Volunteer Program descriptions: Kevin will create volunteer job descriptions for program coordinators to help the library with four areas identified by the board: 2nd Wednesdays, Movies, History, and Kids.

Communications: Lisa, Kirsten, Holly, and Kevin met about website content. Charlotte has started a weekly news update for the Shelburne News; will coordinate with Marc Vincent and other contributors.

Student artwork: Alice and Kevin hope to exhibit student artwork on the community room shelves. Eliza says CVU art teacher needs shelf dimensions for possible 2D and 3D display; Kevin will get dimensions and length of display period to Eliza. Hallway area is also available.

Student trustee: Eliza's term ends next month. New students will be joining the board meeting in April.

Next scheduled meeting is March 17, 2022 at 6:30pm. The April meeting was moved to Thursday, April 14th due to school vacation week.

Alice moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, Becky seconded; all voted in favor.