

**Philbrick-James Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

DRAFT minutes – October 5, 2020

Please note that these are reconstructed minutes after a computer failure on the secretary's part.

Present: Mal Cameron, Emily Oxnard, Sadie Stimmell, Jane Miller, April Purinton, Christina Eagan, Janice Leviton, and Library Director Candace Yost

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Citizen Comments: none

Secretary's Report

- _____ moved to accept the minutes from September as printed, _____ seconded. September minutes passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

End of month bank balances:

Checking ~\$31,291.68

Savings ~\$50,251.33

Trustee of the trust funds are reported quarterly, so no report this month.

_____ moved to accept the treasurer's report, and _____ seconded. All voted in favor.

Librarian's Report

A) Programs:

- Fairy House building
- Makeaways are crafts left on the pick-up table for patrons to take with them.
- Scavenger Hunts available
- Nature Weaving in the back garden is available for drop-in
- Online Halloween Storytime will be available
- Humanities program on 10/20 via Zoom "Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook"

B) Repairs:

- None to report

C) Professional Development:

- Completed: Teen Services Conference
- On deck: SILC meeting 10/13

Old Business

- A) New children's librarian begins on October 19th – yay!
- B) Atrium software upgrade is underway
- C) Black Lives Matter signs: A lengthy discussion was had surrounding our decision to host a Black Lives Matter sign on the library grounds. If our overriding philosophy is that "Libraries Are For Everyone," and the signs will actually turn some patrons away, is this the right move for our town? After a long discussion, a motion was made to keep the signs available for patrons who request them but not to display one in the library yard: 6 voted in favor of motion, 1 voted against, motion passed.
- D) Anti-racism and Diversity Support: continuation of diversifying our library collection and programming
- E) Reopening Plans: We continue to remain in phase one of reopening.

New Business

- A) Municipal Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for December 1st at 7 pm.

_____ moved to adjourn, and _____ seconded.

Meeting adjourned ~9 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Oxnard

Next regular meeting: Monday, November 9th, at 7 pm via Zoom