

MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MARCH 8, 2022
MINUTES

Conducted by Remote Participation

Call to Order

Chair Jonathan Gates called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. and in attendance were trustees Heather Calvin, Adam Delmolino, Kathy Fennelly, Amy Hampe, Stephen Quinlan, and Joyce Radochia. Also in attendance were Andrea Nicolay, library director, and Anna Litten, assistant library director, as well as one community member. Mr. Gates shared open meeting law information as it pertains to remote meetings and read the Resolution Acknowledging Native Lands.

Community Time

There were no comments from community members.

Approval of February 8 Meeting Minutes (vote)

Ms. Fennelly moved to approve the February 8 Meeting Minutes, Mr. Delmolino seconded the motion. Under Guidance from the Attorney General's office, the Board held a roll call vote. Ms. Calvin voted aye, Ms. Hampe voted aye, Mr. Quinlan voted aye, Ms. Radochia voted aye, Mr. Gates voted aye. The Board approved the minutes.

Donations, Bequests and Gifts Policy (vote)

Ms. Nicolay reviewed the revisions to the Donations, Bequests, and Gifts Policy. The Board discussed the Policy and specifics around donation amounts that are accepted by the Select Board. The Board discussed Gift Acceptance and Expenditures as defined in MGL Chapter 44 Section 53A. Ms. Fennelly moved to accept the Donations, Bequests and Gifts Policy as amended. Mr. Delmolino seconded the motion. Ms. Calvin voted aye, Ms. Hampe voted aye, Mr. Quinlan voted aye, Ms. Radochia voted aye, Mr. Gates voted aye. The Board approved the Donations, Bequests, and Gifts Policy as amended.

Arlington Libraries Cooperative Network Update

Ms. Nicolay discussed updates to the Arlington Libraries Cooperative Network documents including adding the Fox and Robbin Shop and clarifying descriptions for the budget role of the Arlington Libraries Foundation and the Friends of the Robbins Library.

Director's Report

Ms. Nicolay reported that she is meeting with Nancy Gentile to discuss working with consultants to move forward with deaccessing the art prints. Ms. Nicolay discussed collaborating with the Dallin Museum to digitize Dallin papers held by the library. The Fox and Robbin Shop is looking forward to donating \$50,000 to the library this year. Ms. Nicolay is earmarking those funds for a new circulation/reference desk for Fox. The Board discussed the Fiction Room as the potential new Teen Room.

Youth and Young Adult Commission Study Committee Update

Mr. Quinlan reported that the group elected co-chairs and is setting up a structure similar to the precinct structure used for Town Meeting.

Foundation Liaison Update

Ms. Nicolay shared that the Foundation Board was universally impressed with Ms. Calvin's presentation. Ms. Calvin reported the Foundation is refining a job description and moving forward with hiring a staff person.

Friends Liaison Updates

Ms. Radochia reported that upcoming Friends of Robbins Library programs include an evening with the Arlington Human Rights Commission, the Appalachian Trail Club, and other events. New Robbins/Fox bags are now available. The Friends formed an investment committee to discuss a large gift the Friends have been holding. There was no notice of a Friends of Fox meeting.

Communications and Announcements

Ms. Nicolay acknowledged that Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine is leaving the Town after 12 years of service. Ms. Radochia shared that Mr. Chapdelaine has been a true friend to the library, saying yes to library requests whenever possible. Ms. Radochia thanked library staff for a wonderful ART featured event with Dr. Kyle Whyte.

Unanticipated Items

There were no unanticipated items.

Date of Next Meeting: April 12, 2022

Adjournment (vote)

Ms. Fennelly moved to adjourn. The Board held a roll call vote. Ms. Calvin voted aye, Mr. Delmolino voted aye, Ms. Hampe voted aye, Mr. Quinlan voted aye, Ms. Radochia voted aye, Mr. Gates voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

- March 8, 2022 Meeting Agenda
- February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Donations, Bequests, and Gifts Policy
- Arlington's Libraries Cooperative Network document
- Library Director's February 2022 report with Circulation Report