

Pomfret Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes
March 9, 2021
7:07 PM on zoom

In attendance: Sally Rogers, Ginger Lusa, John Charest, Laurie Bell, Tim Gillane, David Ring, Chris Cadiz, Liz Cartier (on phone)

Acceptance of Minutes of January 12, 2021 meeting

- JC moved to accept; 2nd by SR. Minutes Accepted

Treasurer's Report

- Appears on target.
- Fund balance report: Most is in the Library Addition line, which looks great
- Gift and Book Fund is NOT zero.

Librarian's Report:

- We finally got the tent up and running. A few groups have made reservations for outdoor meetings; we expect more as it warms up a bit. Most patrons are coming in to browse now, some are still using curbside. We'll continue to offer curbside indefinitely.
- Heather is starting an online 'Girls Who Code' club and planning for Summer Reading. Kim and I have discussed several ideas for getting some adult programming going again including taped art & craft demos, author interviews and a podcast, but none of it is quite off the ground yet.
- We were building up our virtual program collection when YouTube inexplicably blocked the library's channel. [Their email: *We have reviewed your content and found severe or repeated violations of our [Community Guidelines](#). Because of this, we have removed your channel from YouTube. What our policy says: Spam, scams or commercially deceptive content are not allowed on YouTube.*] We still have some story time videos available on Facebook, and I can set up an account with Vimeo if/when we need it.
- I gave the website a facelift. We replaced the circulation desk computer. We are slowly working towards swapping the office with the computer/lounge space so that the exit to the deck is no longer through the staff workspace.
- I am considering discontinuing the Audio Books on CD collection. In FY2019/20, downloads accounted for 82.6% of total audio circulation

and the trend has continued in that direction. We will continue to offer a rotating selection of Audio Books on CD from the State Library.

- HR is currently enrolled in the Library Technical Assistant Certification program at 3Rivers, and KF hopes to start working towards a Master of Library Science degree soon.

Friends: The Friends will be having a book sale on May 1st, the day of the Town-wide Tag Sale.

The Trustees would like Laurie's annual summary for the library be offered to the Pomfret Times as an insert. Laurie will follow up on it.

Old Business

Building Expansion Update

- We have not heard anything from the State Historic Preservation Office yet, which we submitted for approval.
- Land transfer From PS still needs to be finalized. Ginger will check with Maureen to see if there's something that we can do to speed it up.
- 44 donations in memory of Sylvia Danenhower.

CD Moves to adjourned; SR 2nd; Meeting adjourned at 7:49.

2021 Meeting Dates:

May 11, 2021

June 8, 2021

September 14, 2021

November 9, 2021

Submitted 4/30/21 Sally Rogers, Secretary