

MINUTES OF THE BROOKFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING
(via ZOOM), July 19, 2023

Present and voting: Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Emily Noyes, Susan O'Brian, Starr Strong

Present and not voting: Laura Rochat (Librarian)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by chair Amy Borgman.

Minutes from the May 3 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Our fiscal year ended June 30 with the library having fully spent the \$4800 funding allotted to us by the Town. Per Dan, we spent \$5540, the majority of which was for media, programs and ILL expenses. Dan also reported that the Fidelity Fund was liquidated and consolidated with the Vanguard Fund. Dan will be sending the financial info to Emily for her perusal.

Librarian's Report: The outdoor furniture which was stored over winter and returned by Starr, is being used, at least occasionally. Although library use has the usual summer uptick Laura has noted that LIBBY use is very popular as is ILL.

Library Scholarship update: Amy reports that the Anna Clark Jones Scholarship was presented to Logan Margison at the RUHS Awards Ceremony and Laura reports that he sent the Library a thank-you note.

Programming Check-ins and Updates:

*Cartooning workshops: These were held on June 18 (13 participants) and June 25 (8 participants) with good feedback.

*Mushroom foraging: Several attempts to contact this program were not successful. No further plans at this time for this program.

*Deconstruction event: This is on the OTH 2023 schedule for September 25!

*James Crews presentation: This is also on the OTH 2023 schedule for July 29. Susan will provide cookies and Starr will bring iced tea. Cups and napkins will be provided by the Library.

*Knitting for Adults and Knitting for Children with MaryLou Maeder: Laura will contact MaryLou about offering these again in Autumn

*Sketching From Nature: Laura will be contacting SPA in Barre, and Brainstorm Arts in Randolph about offering this program, possibly in Autumn

Facebook Update: Susan has been posting info on Library Programming and reports 83 clicks on the James Crews presentation!!

Library Landscaping discussion: Consensus was to start with some basic upgrades to the outside of the Library/Town Hall, starting with a stone patio in the front of the building and making better use of the stone walkway already in place. Amy will contact some local contractors for recommendations.

Next Library Trustee Meeting: September 13 @ 7PM.