

Chilmark Free Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 9/22/22

Held on Zoom

Present: Trustees Janet Weidner (Chair), Jane Kaplan and Candy Shweder; Library Director Ebba Hierta.

1. Meeting called to order at 11:01
2. No changes to the Agenda
3. Minutes from 8/11/22 were approved as amended, unanimously. It was also asked if the minutes can be sent to the town to be posted on their website. Ebba will take care of that.
4. Financial report: On the report it showed no expenses in July because of the computer failure. All expenses are included in the August column through 9/21.
5. Communications: Ebba thinks we should remind Mr. Dershowitz that we DO have his books in our library. It was felt that this would only fan the flames.
6. Chair report: no report
7. Director's report: The circulation figures are up from last year.
We are still trying to fill the Saturday staffing spot. There is an ad in the paper. Ebba will reach out to teachers and see if any are interested.
Caroline and Tracey are taking an online self-directed class in American Sign Language. It is being paid for with development money. On Mondays we often have deafpeople on tours and it will be helpful to have staff that can help them.

We are overdue for making up a new long range plan. Ebba and Caroline are taking class on library surveying. This will help us reach out to the community after the pandemic. The last plan was in 2019 and it really helped with funding. When a patron asked how he/she could help, Ebba was able to give concrete examples.

The MVLA has partnered with the NY Times and the Washington Post and now they are offered free through the library.

8. New Business: Media strategy- it was decided that we will wait things out a little longer. Saturday hours will remain shortened through September. Mondays the library is closed.

School visits start next week. There will be 70 kids visiting the library from the school (a VERY large number). All the planning went smoothly and the library is looking forward to the kids coming back.

Pandemic Protocols- masks are optional for browsing, but required for group visits. The school children will come with masks. They will be checking out at the main desk which frees up Caroline to give help to the kids. If the covid risks rise, we will revisit the policy. A motion was made and unanimously passed to follow the CDC criteria of risk. This will also allow browsing without masks as long as the risk level is rated low.

Custodial support- still no one answering the ads. At this time of year Rodney would have been checking the gutters, the roof, turning on the heat, etc. Ebba will call a contractor to switch from cool to heat. Ebba will email Tim Carroll at the Town Hall about checking the roof and gutters. If there is no response, Janet will go to a select

meeting.

There was one computer glitch and the new contractors came right out and fixed it. The winter project is to upgrade the whole system. We have money in the grant and gift funds to cover it.

Ebba and Caroline are beginning to look at revising the summer program speakers policy.

9. Next meeting: October 12 at 11:00 AM

10. Meeting adjourned at 12:12

Documents:

Agenda for 9/22/22

Minutes from Trustees meeting 8/11/22

Director's report

Financial report 9/21/22