

Chilmark Free Public Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 5/12/22

Present: Trustees Janet Weidner (Chair), Jane Kaplan and Candy Shweder; Library Director Ebba Hierta; and Library Assistant Director/Youth Services Librarian Caroline Drogin

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM on Zoom Minutes from 4/14/22 were approved as written

Officers elected for coming year. Janet Weidner, Chair; Jane Kaplan Vice Chair and Candy Shweder Secretary.

Financial reports: The director reported that everything is on track to finish the fiscal year with some unspent staff funds

Communications: Ms. Hierta reported that of all the libraries in Clams, our library (Jane Kaplan in particular) was the only one to catch the errors in the new clams contract. The library received a donation with a note asking if there were fewer books in the library now. The director reached out to the patron to give some suggestions on how to get the books they want more readily (i.e. sign up for Wowbrary, put your name on a wait list). Unfortunately she has not been able to connect with the patron yet.

Directors Report and Old Business: Ms. Hierta reported on a School Committee meeting that she attended on Zoom. She also mentioned a meeting that was held between Warren Doty, Chilmark select person and Ms. Hierta and then chairperson of the library trustees, Candy Shweder.

After much deliberation by the trustees, it was decided that we need to have a meeting with the superintendent of schools, or since he is leaving, the acting superintendent, concerning the contract for next year between the Library and the Chilmark school. Ms. Weidner will write to the parties involved (Library director, Superintendent, school principal) to try to set up a meeting either before the end of school or during the summer. The contract that the school had with the library lapsed during the covid epidemic. The meeting will stress trying to set up a new contract.

New Business: Summer programming is going to be mostly in person. We can set up chairs on the patio and we have a portable P.A. system.

Ebba and Caroline (youth services) are looking forward to collaborating with the new Director of the Community Center summer program.

We have hired a new person to work this summer. But because of labor shortages we cannot find anyone to work on Saturday, we have put in a stop gap measure and have shortened Saturday hours to 10-3. The trustees unanimously approved a motion to shorten the Saturday hours to 10-3 with the hope that perhaps someone working at the Chilmark Community Center will be interested. We will continue to run our ads. We just lost one of our circulation staff members to Edgartown library because they pay \$3 more per hour. Raising the salary was discussed.

We are back to mandatory masking as covid numbers have increased again on MV.

Next meeting- 6/9/22 at 11:00

Meeting adjourned at 12:34.

Documents: Agenda for Trustees' Meeting Thursday May 12, 2022 Minutes from Trustees' Meeting, April 14, 2022 Library Director's Report to the Trustees- May 12, 2022