

Chilmark Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 6/9/22
Held on Zoom

Attached documents:

Agenda,

Financial report,

Copies of existing library contract with Chilmark School

Proposed revision of library contract with Chilmark School by school principal presented to

UIRSC 5/23/22

Present: Ebba Hierta, Library Director; Caroline Drogin, Youth Librarian and Ass't. Director; Janet Weidner, Chair Library Trustees, and Candy Shweder and Jane Kaplan Trustees

Meeting called to order 11:02

1. Minutes from 5/12/22 moved, seconded and unanimously approved as drafted.

2. Financial report from 5/31. We are on track to stay within budget

3. Communications

a) A patron told Ebba that they really enjoyed Johnny Hoy dance night from last year and also appreciated our pandemic restrictions.

b) Another patron was upset by our pandemic protocols. Many of our patrons have trouble with the on again off again masking rules.

4. Chairman's report

As per our 5/12 meeting, Janet sent an email to the superintendent about our meeting and what our thoughts were concerning the library contract with the school. All emails have been cordial and timely. Mainly we need to find a way forward.

5. Director's report:

a) No CLAMS figures yet for this month

b) Ebba and Caroline have been in touch with the new director of Chilmark Community Center. They are working on a collaboration for story time with the play school. Ebba is trying to get a special speaker (a noted author of Young Adult fiction). There has been a good response and she is trying to work it out.

c) Yard may be willing to allow our summer dance party on their property for 1 hour as an early weeknight show. This is an ongoing negotiation.

d) Summer Staffing- As of this date we have not found anyone to staff our Saturday opening. We are piecing together enough staff to cover from 10:30-3 on Saturdays and that will be our summer hours. This will begin on 6/20.

e) Pandemic protocols: The numbers are going in the right direction. We will wait 2 weeks and if they stay low, we will make masks optional. We would prefer not to go back and forth with our protocols.

f) The library no longer has an IT person to call since EduComp closed. We have had problems without anyone to fix them. We store the town's records as a back up and they are retrieved by a fiber optic cable but no one is checking on it. If it goes down there is no one to fix it. There is no one monitoring the basic systems. And added to that, the town has no longer got a custodian. Rodney Bunker retired and the town is not hiring anyone right away. Many basic services that he performed for the library (i.e. carrying books to basement, trash pick-up, toilet paper, etc) are no longer being taken care of. Ebba has had to go to the hardware store four times in the past week. This is not the job of the library director. There were leaks in the basement when the AC was turned on- Rodney knew where they were and would put out buckets and empty them every day. After lectures, Rodney would put away chairs. All these things are now falling to the librarians. A memo will be written by Janet and Ebba to the selectpeople and cc'd to Tim Carroll to address this need and also the IT need.

g) School contract update: Superintendent D'Andrea wants to bring other people into the meeting (Selectperson), but the state law states the Trustees run the library. The Selectpeople have no role in how services are provided. We would like a working session with Ebba, Susan Stevens school principal, Richie Smith Ass't. Superintendent, Matt D'Andrea Superintendent, chair of trustees Janet Weidner, and chair of the Up-Island school committee. We are very close on the contract. (90%).

Next meeting: July 7, 2022 11:00 AM

Meeting adjourned: 12:53