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DPL TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES	
NOVEMBER 21, 2019, ENDICOTT LIBRARY, 6:00 PM	
MEETING CALLED BY	Board of Library Trustees, Dedham
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
CO-CHAIRMAN	Margaret Connolly and Mary Ann Sliwa
SECRETARY	Sarah Santos
ATTENDEES	Margaret Connolly, Sarah Santos, Mary Ann Sliwa, Monika Wilkinson, Tracy Driscoll, and Ryan Brennan
PUBLIC ATTENDEES	Richard Pierce, Stephanie Weggeman, Rosemarie Shrewsbury

The meeting of the Dedham Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:02pm by Co-Chair, Ms. Sliwa.

Public Input:

Mr. Pierce mentioned the Friends of the DPL are looking for new members and are preparing for the next book sale, which will be held on December 13, 2019. The Friends will also be open on Saturdays for book drops, more information is on the library website.

Discussion and Vote: Open Session Minutes July 25, July 29, August 6, August 27, September 19, October 10, October 30, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkinson to accept the open session minutes. Ms. Connolly seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Santos abstained from July 29, August 27, October 30. Ms. Driscoll abstained from August 6. Ms. Connolly abstained from September 19.

Discussion and Vote: Executive Session Minutes June 22, August 23, November 8, 2018, January 10, February 7, March 7, August 6, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Connolly to accept the executive session minutes. Ms. Driscoll seconded. All voted in favor. Ms. Santos abstained from August 23, 2018 and February 7, 2019. Ms. Driscoll abstained from August 6, 2019.

Discussion and Vote: Financial Report October 2019

Ms. Driscoll made a motion to accept the October 2019 Financial Report. Ms. Wilkinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor to accept the financial report.

Discussion & Vote Code of Conduct Policy:

Ms. Connolly and Ms. Sliwa met with Mr. Brennan and added a sentence to the policy. Quoted, Unattended children must be able to provide emergency contact information in order to reach their adult caregiver in an emergency.

Ms. Wilkinson made a motion to accept the addendum with the added sentence. Ms. Connolly seconded. All voted in favor.

Director’s Report:

Discussion and Vote Director Professional Development:

Mr. Brennan asked to attend Public Library Association Conference on February 26 – 29, 2020. He will meet and discuss issues with Ingram reps and present back to the Trustees.

Ms. Driscoll made a motion to approve the Library Director Participation at Public Library Association Conference. Ms. Connolly seconded. All voted in favor.

Mr. Brennan shared news of the new Town Hall opening February 2020 with tours offered the end of January.

Mr. Brennan will meet with the Town Manager and Lauren Bailey after Thanksgiving about capital expenditures.

Mr. Ken Cimeno met with Mr. Brennan about the downstairs doors not opening properly, which is a fire safety issue and the need for them to be replaced.

Mr. Cimeno also lifted the person limit in the Main Library Children’s room and will now be 125. This was signed off from the recommendations of Code Red Study surveyors.

Mr. Brennan stated the automatic renewal of Minuteman was approved with a 4.7% increase.

The new circulation desk will be installed, at the latest, January 2020.

Mr, Brennan requested for carpet cleaning on Christmas Eve.

The holiday schedule will be as follows and posted on the website, social media and with signs at both locations.

Wednesday, November 27 until 5:00pm

Thursday, November 28 Closed

Tuesday, December 24 until 1:00pm

Wednesday, December 25 Closed

Tuesday, December 31 until 5:00pm

Wednesday, January 1 Closed

Discussion One Book One Community:

Human Rights Commission have met three times. At the October meeting, they discussed focusing on depression and anxiety and collected books.

At the November meeting, they finalized books.

Adult: Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig

Young Adult: Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

Youth: The Science of Breakable Things by Tae Keller and Guts by Raina Telmeier

Along with a few Picture Books

The December meeting will have discussion of programming and to have a launch at the Martin Luther King Community Day and ending programs sometime in March.

The Friend of DPL have offered support with funding.

Old/New Business:

Mr. Brennan mentioned Macmillan Digital continues their embargo. Brookline Public Library has already boycotted using their services.

Ms. Wilkinson made a motion that the Dedham Public Library Trustees will refuse to spend tax payer funds while Macmillan restricts equitable access to digital content. Ms. Driscoll seconded. All voted in favor.

Open House Meet and Greet Director Ryan will be held on Tuesday, January 7 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Main Library.

At 7:58pm Ms. Sliwa declared to go into Executive Session with an invitation to Mr. Brennan. Ms. Connolly seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Ms. Santos-yes; Ms. Sliwa-yes; Ms. Connolly-yes; Ms. Wilkinson-yes. The Committee entered Executive Session at 8:08pm. Ms. Sliwa noted the Committee would reconvene in Open Session at the end of the meeting.

A motion to adjourn the Open Meeting was made by Ms. Sliwa at 9:23pm and seconded by Ms. Connolly. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Santos