Minutes
OAK BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monthly meeting, electronically, by Zoom
3:05PM, February 1, 2021

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: Scottie Vail, Marney Toole, Lynn VanAuken, Kathy Taylor, Pam Melrose, Allyson Malek, EL Edwards

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 14, 2021 as amended, unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Recent donation offered to OBPL by Judith Ford, more details coming

LSTA GRANT UPDATE: Kickoff of “Project Illuminate”:
Local oral history project is in process to record & preserve stories, interviews, photos, videos, and records of African Americans in Oak Bluffs. The goal is for patrons to use or use with staff to record, transfer DVDs, videos, and recordings to in a format that can be shared (or not) on the MV Museum/Digital Commonwealth Organization (Institutional membership we’ll share); Digital memory Lab (Legacy components) Consultant
Any patrons can participate and utilize the resources/equipment to copy or record their media for personal or for sharing. Spread the word!
Information will be on OBPL Website for information and signups.

LIGHTING UPDATE:
Allyson was in contact T.J Turner, Rise engineer
Still trying to get dome lights (more homey look) rather than inset lights (more institutional look). Still waiting to hear from distributors on the expense.

COVID-19: Staff member tested positive 1/31/2021 so OBPL Staff is in quarantine until at least 2/18 when testing & thorough cleaning are done. In the meantime, all pickup service is suspended.

COVID-19 VACCINE ROLLOUT: Library’s role:
MVH and Island Health Care have begun outreach. OBPL has updated website, as well as put information in “Pick up” bags, will provide help with forms and sending them, scanning or delivery of the forms to EMS or MVH
Check OBPL website.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:
We discussed terms of the Director’s employment & how it compared to other Island Library Directors. Each town is different… personal contracts, union, or pay grades. Allyson is not in the Town Union & so falls in a more nebulous area. We would like more information in order to be supportive of parity.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT:
Copies of reports were made available
Nina hasn’t been able to resume ELL classes with MVRHS due to COVID-19, more resources have been put into digital services

ADJOURNMENT: 4:39 PM
Next meeting March 11, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Pam Melrose