

MINUTES

OAK BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monthly Meeting, electronically, by Zoom 3pm, March 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 3:06

Scottie Vail, Allyson Malik, Marney Toole, Lynn VanAuken, Nina Ferry, Kathy Taylor, Lloyd Henke, EL Edwards, Pam Melrose

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 11, 2021... Approved with minor corrections

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Lighting sample update ..Allyson is still waiting to hear from T.J. & supplier on viable fixtures
2. With Bob Whritenour leaving & Selectmen elections coming up, Allyson's salary talks are on hold, but we are still interested in researching how librarians are paid across the Island, CLAMS, & Commonwealth... contracts, Union negotiated, or other, in order to have continuity & parity with other libraries.
3. Concerns with not getting IT services from the Town for installations, updates, connections to Town website and servers has really hampered library services. Getting Technology service has been a problem prior to pandemic, but the list of unanswered or unresolved requests has been frustrating. We had discussed budgeting for an IT person in the past so we would not have to rely so heavily on the Town IT department, but that was not approved. Marney and Pam will draft a letter to the Selectmen asking for a resolution to address the library's needs and concerns.

RECENT COVID CLOSURE: Protocol and current status. Staff is back, after quarantine. No positive tests. Updated some safety protocols to provide more careful interactions among staff and social distancing practices, but not total isolation

RE-OPENING PLANS: Beyond curbside. Island librarians are meeting to discuss in person reopenings. There are plans for how to reopen, such as appointments at the start, but just when has not been determined as yet.

LEGAL RELEASE FORM: Development by Trustees

With the grant enabling us to copy and gather digital donations, it was suggested the Trustees develop some release forms to handle those donations as far as copyrights, usage, and other legal concerns. Scottie shared some samples of documents used by the MV Museum to give us some guidance. Perhaps look at forms other libraries use. Allyson will report back to us.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN REPORT: Nina reported that digital materials have increased 50% since COVID.

She gave a CLAMS workshop on promoting resources, voice & email services.

We were able to provide COVID information but unable to help actually sign up people for vaccines

Overdrive has been updated by LIBBY, both are available for ebook checkouts

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Available on Library website

PUBLIC COMMENT: EL is currently not taking donations for Book Sale. No way to do it efficiently or adequate storage.

ADJOURNMENT 4:35 PM

Next meeting Apr.8

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Melrose