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Norton Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Hybrid Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:07 p.m.

Present: Andrea Sullivan, Lisa Daly-Boockoff, Patricia Binegar, Robert Keating, Robert Berg, Brian Stalters, Jill Matthieu, Lee Parker, Amanda Viana

Absent: Christine LeFort, Herb Ellison

Clerk's Report: The Clerk's Report was discussed. Bob Berg moved to accept the clerk's report, Robert Keating seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was discussed. Bob Berg noted that no money has been taken from endowment fund yet this year, but we're at the point where we'll have to ask for a distribution, probably for \$65,000 which will take us into the next fiscal year. Unexpected issues have cost us \$23,000 in building repairs so far this year, for which we only budgeted \$6,000. The Balfour Trust fund is down, a reflection of the market. Patricia Binegar moved to accept the treasurer's report. Robert Keating seconded. All voted in favor.

Endowment Trust Committee: Robert Berg moved to appoint Ann Sears to the Norton Public Library Endowment Trust, Brian Stalters seconded. All voted in favor.

Park Committee: Jane Ellison needs to step down from the Park Committee. We discussed the possibility of approaching the Chartley Garden Club to see if any of its members might be interested in serving on the library's Park Committee.

Building Committee: A new floor was installed in the community room. The insurance adjuster came to the library to view the most recent damages.

Library Director's Report: Lee Parker reviewed her report. Lee submitted the library's budget to the town manager. Our library joined a state-wide online bookclub so our patrons can participate.

Youth Services Report: Lee Parker reviewed the youth services report. Leah Labrecque changed her hours slightly so she can stay with groups of kids on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Correspondence: An email was received with an invitation to this year's SALLS Library Network Legislative Breakfast on Zoom, March 25.

Old Business: The Board discussed building issues more. The repairs to the rooms that sustained water damage in the library are hopefully going to be completed by the end of March.

New Business: Andrea Sullivan's friend wrote and illustrated a book about Rhode Island during the pandemic. Andrea donated a copy of the book to the library.

Bills: Brian Stalters made a motion to pay past, current and future bills. Robert Keating seconded it. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m., hybrid meeting

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

List of documents used at the meeting:

Clerk's Report

Treasurer's Report

Directors & Youth Services Reports

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Daly-Boockoff/Acting Clerk



Christine LeFort, Clerk

Brian Stalters, President

