

Town of Collins Public Library Board of Trustees - Finance Committee Meeting

Minutes, Tuesday March 9, 2021 @ 6 pm

In Library Meeting Room

Present: Director Abigail Barten-McGowan, President Holly Martindale, Edith Schell, Kim Nobles, Cynthia Dishman

1. Call to order at 6:02 pm by Holly.
2. 2021 Planning
 - Went through Vision and Mission Statements.
 - Worked on a couple of words to change our Vision Statement (changed words highlighted)
 - Proposed: The Town of Collins Public Library **pursues** its development into a major educational, technological, arts, and cultural institution within the greater Collins/Gowanda community. We strive to become ever more rooted within our community, and to serve that inclusive **population** with excellence.
 - At this time, opted not to make changes to our Mission Statement.
 - Current Statement: To provide an opportunity for learning, recreation, and personal growth for all people of the Town of Collins through the resources of the Collins Public Library and the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System.
To apply traditional expertise and technology for equal access to quality library services, materials, and facilities.
 - After this, the group went through the information requested at the initial meeting that Abbie had gathered. They requested more information to compare info from our library to other libraries.
 - Some info noted was there was a decreased demand for computers (but Wi-Fi seems to be still used.) (excepting printer use)
 - We had been experiencing a downturn in circulation statistics prior to covid. (In 2019, YA books really started increasing the numbers though.)
 - We went through the surveys from staff and Board, and possible flaws were brought up. We talked about surveys in the community, and ways to encourage participation.
 - Programs
 - What are we thinking about for the next 5 years?
 - Maybe “young ADULT” programs (not teen)
 - Bringing people back in at all for a program.
 - How are we going to regenerate the library after covid?
 - A number of items were produced as possible goals.
 - Door Counts after COVID
 - Programming after COVID

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- Programming: Who are we not serving? Moms/Dads, Millennials
- Less demand for physical computers – reassess tech needs.

3. Adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Abigail Barten-McGowan, Director