

April 13, 2022
Eden Library Board of Trustees

Library Board President Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. In attendance were Jim Agle, Linda Meyer, Bettyann Neifer, Jon Wilcox, and Library Director Donna-Jo Webster. Also attending this meeting was John Craik, our liaison from the BECPL system board. This meeting was held in person with proper social distancing.

The minutes of the March 9, 2022 meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Jon to accept the minutes. The motion was passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Donna-Jo reported on statistics for the month. Circulation and all other categories were up for the month. The Easter WOW program had 87 participants and included a visit from the Easter bunny. Donna-Jo received a call from the Supervisor's office reminding us that the Town will deliver and spread mulch this year around the building. We will try to coordinate this with the planting of the geraniums.

The Friends group is sponsoring a butter lamb workshop this Saturday and also a Weidner's Chicken BBQ next Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m.

BILLS:

There were no bills presented for payment.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Linda e-mailed the revised Long Range Plan to everyone a few days ago. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Donna-Jo reported that starting May 1, 2022 the system will not be charging any fines for overdue materials or for hold requests. However, after 21 days the item(s) will be considered lost and cardholders will be charged for replacement costs. This will be wiped out once the materials are returned. It is believed that this change will encourage more people to come into the libraries and that more materials will be returned.
- The annual Trustee Workshop will be held on May 7. The program is designed to introduce the new director to all of the contracting libraries. Linda forwarded several photos and the answers to suggested questions to Richard Earne, president of ACT, for inclusion in this presentation. We are also requested to have several questions prepared for the new director. Bettyann will send in a check to pay for those who are attending.
- There was discussion concerning the spring book sale. It was decided not to hold a sale this spring, but to spend time weeding out what is in the basement. It is currently

difficult to get rid of old books, as many of our regular sources are not taking them at this time. Bettyann will ask if the Food Pantry would like to have some available for patrons to take. Pat will also ask if Jericho Road is accepting anything.

- Linda and Pat met with Dan Canfield of Junior's Landscaping several weeks ago to discuss the outdoor reading area. We viewed several renderings of a proposed idea, but he was not able to supply costs along with these as he was waiting for pricing from his vendors. Costs could be a factor in accepting his design concept. We will look at other area libraries and see if any might have an outdoor area already in place. Pat said that she believed that Boston was in the process of putting an outdoor area in place. We will also look at Collins and Hamburg.

- Donna-Jo presented the annual resolution for the board to accept the 2021 State Report. This was passed unanimously.

- Donna-Jo also reported that the Town had been in the building to do some repairs to the touch-less toilets that were installed last year. There have been issues with them not working well.

The next meeting will be held on May 11 at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Meyer, secretary