

Cape Charles Memorial Library

201 Mason Avenue

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday June 9, 2021

5:00 p.m.

Attendees: Roger Moyer, Dianne Davis, Karen Mahaffy, Richard Burger, Lisa Gomez, Ann Rutledge

Call to Order: Roger called meeting to order 5pm

Public Comments: none

A look at the Agenda – all reviewed, 2 minor edits made

Continuing Issues:

- Approving the May Minutes – Rich motioned to accept notes, Dianne seconded, and notes accepted
- Board Member terms and protocols
 - Libby said she needs to know when board member is leaving, and she will reach out to member approximately one month before term expires to get future status
 - Karen will be returning for new term; Dianne's status is TBD
 - Karen suggested we do something for Chris –nothing was done like board had done previously for other members
 - Karen suggested maybe a note in the paper
 - Roger is going to call Chris about idea of him as first profile in local
 - Ann said she (and Sharon) could put together his bio, details of his service/thoughts, etc.
 - Dianne – thinks the Town should give some sort of certificate of appreciation when a board member retires; Dianne said she would also make suggestion to town

Emerging Issues:

- “Opening” the Library after the Pandemic
 - Per Ann – all most completely back to normal except short hours on Thursdays
 - Toys have not been put out yet, computers are up (still a few issues)
 - 51 people came in 6/9
 - Ann/Sharon shelving, there is one volunteer, have requested 15 hour paid position - coming out in paper this weekend
- Looking at Library needs and possible future expenditures during 2021 – 2022
 - Budget has been done (approximately same as previous years) - in approval process now
 - Existing budget needs to be spent by end of June
 - Ann working on Friends funds – ensuring amount given matches spend, asking Ann for other things to fund
 - Ann wants taller shelves in vault – Friends may think Town should pay for this
 - Unsure if there will be a joint Board/Friends meeting in fall
 - Friends have new members, current officers – Terry (president), Joan still there, Elizabeth (Treasurer), Pat Bevans
 - Friends will not be doing book sale any longer – will be donating to Peach Tree Books; looking for new fundraising ideas
 - Roger – need to keep closer relationship with Friends, he will think about how to do this

- Ann has not heard what funds were made from plant sale (proceeds to go to gardening books)
- Historical documents
 - Roger – asked if we should possibly devote a meeting to review what is there and get an idea of what is there and discuss how to protect
 - There is no true inventory list – some items are catalogued, some aren't
 - Ann said we could invite librarian from Parksley to help – is going to talk to other librarians to see what process could be and let us know next meeting

Ann Presents:

- Reflections from Our Library Staff
 - Reviewed May report with upcoming items
 - Discussed upcoming summer events – most outside
 - 6/21 kickoff of summer reading program – goal is to keep kids reading during summer
 - Decision to be made on if library will have inside “Storytime” reading inside library
 - Karen suggested we tie in some programs with new YMCA
 - Programs are transitional right now as COVID is slowing down

Board thoughts about Books we've read and possible Town-wide Read possibilities:

- Ann liked what was selected Feb2021 (local book)
- Roger asked for thoughts on possibilities for future town-wide read
- Rich suggested something about the bay, perhaps “Beautiful swimmers”, Karen suggested “Chesapeake”
- Roger suggested (not for town read) – Railroads of the Eastern Shore
- Rich asked about book on Rosenwald school history and maybe do a tie in with school fundraising initiatives
- Rich suggested “Mobituaries” by Mo Rocca – essays on dead people and things (i.e. station wagons)
- Roger asked that folks send him ideas as they come up with read suggestions

Final thoughts:

- Ann said Town is pulling together town history
- Ann to put in order to move WWI plaque from front to back, delayed due to COVID and other reasons
- Ann said Town Manager is very supportive was great during COVID – helped them get everything needed; now training on active shooter

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. Lisa made motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen
- Sincerely submitted,



Lisa Gomez, Secretary