

Brownell Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023

Present: Jeanne Grant, Sheila Porter, Linda Costello, Dottie Bergendahl, Ann Wadsworth, Beth Custer, Christine Packard, Stephanie Neverett, Lily Larsen, Hannah Tracy, and Alison Pierce

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by chairperson Jeanne Grant

Agenda changes:

Dottie added Budget Working Group to the Financial report.
Hannah added Humanities program Snap Shot to New Business.

Announcements:

Jeanne introduced a potential new trustee, Stephanie Neverett.
New Teen Trustee Gabrielle Stevenson will be joining the board in September.
Hannah said the Brownell will not be doing Pumpkin Palooza this year.

Minutes:

Dottie moved and Sheila seconded approval of the June 2023 minutes.
Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Trustee Checking; \$2092.96
Trustee CD; \$2113.70
Dottie reviewed the Fiscal Year 2023 figures as well as the first month's figures of the current budget.
Dottie described the Budget working group process. The group needs to start meeting soon.
Jeanne asked Ann to take the post of interim Treasurer. Ann said yes.

Reports:

Dottie asked about the interactions with the police. We see some mixed messages from these.
Jeanne asked how to increase ELL attendance. Ann suggested making contacts through local food shelves. Hannah pointed out this is not a class to learn English but an opportunity to practice.
Jeanne complimented the new format of the web page.
Financial software and processes still having problems.

Committees: none

Foundation Report:

Dottie reported the Foundation had a successful book donation Saturday in July. However future donation days will not be held when the Brownell is closed.
The book sale room has been weeded and new pricing has been posted.

Old Business: none

New Business:

open to The meeting talked about the recent interactions between patrons and an unhoused person in the library. There is a need to reinforce the principle that the library is open to anyone in the public who follow the rules of conduct.

Brownell The Humanities Council's First Wednesday programs are now call Snap Shots. They will now be streamed one program a week from September to December.

will live host three. Hannah is planning to stream the off-site programs in the Kolvoord room. She asked Trustees to “host” for these streaming events.

Hannah will be on leave soon through December.

Adjournment:

Sheila moved and Christine seconded; motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21pm

Minutes submitted by: Dottie Bergendahl