

Seymour Public Library District Board of Trustees Meeting via zoom

Date: March 23, 2021 - The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm

Present: Russ Harkins, Joe Runkle, Ginny Kent, Lynda DeOrio, Ellen Dellostritto, Larry Liberatore, Meg Vanek, Nancy Karpinski, Dawn Taylor

Staff: Lisa Carr, Dixie Warner-Webert, Leigh Romano, Jill Hand

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Taken/Next Steps
CONSENT AGENDA		
Minutes February 23, 2021 meeting Minutes March 10, 2021 Special meeting Board of Trustees March 2021 Director's Report Committee Reports: Finance 3/15/21 Board Governance 3/11/21 Building Committee 3/18/21		Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Joe Runkle, seconded by Russ Harkins, approved unanimously with one correction to Building Committee minutes: Joe Runkle in attendance not Jill Hand.
TRUSTEE EDUCATION		
Lisa Carr reported on the recent controversy over intellectual freedom. Six titles from Dr. Seuss are no longer being published due to racial stereotypes. The library has a responsibility to have different points of view in the collection. We have two of the six titles; there has been some reaction from the public outside the library and we think these titles are being borrowed out of curiosity.		
UPDATES		
Finger Lakes Library System	New state standards will require two hours of trustee education per year. Training must meet standards set forth by the state.	
Expanded Hours	April 5, 2021 open 45 hours per week; June 1 st - 56 hours per week.	
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ACTION ITEMS		
February 2021 Financial Statements		Motion by Joe Runkle to approve the February 2021 Financial Statements, seconded by Ellen Dellostritto, approved unanimously.
February 2021 Claims		Motion to approve February 2021 Claims by Ellen Dellostritto, seconded by Lynda Deorio, approved unanimously.
DISCUSSION ITEMS		
Strategic Planning Process	Ginny Kent reported that the process is ongoing and asked "how do the Trustees feel about the vision/mission/values put forth from two years ago?" Jackie, Russ, Lisa, and Ginny met with Melina Carnicelli and will work with her and come up with our own ideas to present to the whole group; want to be done by this time in May.	
Friends of Seymour Library	Lisa Carr reported that the Friends haven't met in person since the pandemic started. The then current officers agreed to serve until this year. As they are a separate organization, the Library cannot take on their work. Many of the members are technology challenged, so leadership has faltered without in-person meetings. New officers will be elected at their next scheduled meeting	
Children's Room Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Carr met with Chuck Bouley, signed contract, furnishings have been selected, colors determined. Lisa shared schematics of what the space and color schemes will look like. • Asbestos abatement will start the week of March 31 and last 2-3 weeks. Date of substantial completion of the project is anticipated to be at the end of June 2021. 	

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 pm

Next Regular Board of Trustees Meeting: April 27, 2021 at 4:00 pm via zoom, Audit will be presented.

Respectfully submitted, Russ Harkins, Secretary