

Canton Library Board of Trusteesq

Minutes of May 17, 2021

Attendees: Trustees Chris Untersee, Joan Schottenfeld, Emily Prigot, Susan Cogliano, Betty Chelmow, George Comeau, Jan Chamberlin, Peg Mead, Nancy Connery and Director Andrea Capone.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Cogliano at 7:06 pm

Minutes

A motion was made by George Comeau and seconded by Chris Untersee to approve the minutes of the 4/26/21 and 5/11/21. These were unanimously approved.

Director's Report

Things at the library are hopeful and busy! Over the past weeks we have been happily welcoming our public back into the lobby for browsing our collection. The staff are now eagerly preparing for our next phase of reopening, set for June 1st, which will allow for serving our patrons in many more familiar ways.

On June 1st we will be open to the public 50 hours per week: Monday 1-8PM, Tuesday through Thursday 10:00AM-8:00PM and Friday and Saturday 10:00AM-4:30 PM.

The Museum Pass program will be restarting this summer and patrons will once again be able to check out passes to our wonderful cultural, arts, and entertainment partners. Thank you to the Friends of the Canton Public Library for generously supporting this program. Check the library website in the next few weeks for more information, and to reserve your passes as they become available.

We hope that as we expand our hours and services we will be seeing many more of our "regulars" back in the building.

We would like to remind the public that when they visit the library they should continue to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth. This policy applies to those 2 years and older. We appreciate the cooperation of the public as we all do our part to keep one another safe.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

Our librarians are collaborating with the Zookeepers at Buttonwood Zoo and Canton Public Schools to bring animals into the classroom! On June 2nd at 1PM, Rosie will be hosting a program for all remote 3rd grade students to virtually meet and greet animals from Buttonwood.

In Person Storytime will begin June 1st at 10:30 AM. Registration is required and attendance is limited. Registration will be available through our online event calendar.

Save the Date! Summer Reading Kick Off the afternoon of June 21st on the library lawn. Get ready for "Tails and Tales"!

June 17th, 6:30 PM, please join us for a virtual awards ceremony for the winners of "Canton Writes". Check our event calendar closer to the date for more information and to register.

Budget Update

Director Capone reported that the budget is where it should be. The increased expenses on E-books will be offset by directing some of the funds from building upkeep as these will diminish now due to less expense on COVID related supplies.

Friends Report

Emily Prigot reported on the May 10th meeting sharing that the Canton Writes Award night will be held on June 17th at 7:30. This year saw the highest number of submissions ever - 94 with 43 in the poetry category. The last Coffee House of the year will be held virtually on Saturday June 12th at 7:30 with the Celtic group House of Hamill performing. The Friends will hold their annual meeting and election on June 17th at 7:30.

Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers

Chair - Peg Mead

Vice Chair - George Comeau

Secretary - Nancy Connery

George Comeau made a motion that we vote for the entire slate rather than individually. The motion was seconded by Betty Chelmow and unanimously passed by the board.

George Comeau made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 which was seconded by Emily Prigot and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Connery, Secretary

