

Trustee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2021

The August 2021 meeting of the Leominster Public Library Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 9, 2021, in-person at the conference room of the library.

In attendance were: Chairperson Mark Bodanza, Vice Chairperson Susan Chalifoux Zephir, Secretary Lawrence NFOR, and Susan Shelton. Also present was the Library Director Alexander Lent. Absent were board members Jim Despo and Joanne D'Onfro.

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one in attendance to address the board in the public forum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the board of trustees meeting of July 12, 2021 were reviewed with some minor edits on the wording of the \$50,000 received in grant funds for use at the library. Minutes were approved with the edit (SCZ/SS) by a 4-0 vote.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library report was accepted as presented after some clarifying questions.

OLD BUSINESS

FY2022 Budget: The budget as approved will have some minor adjustment to book processing that will be charged to supplies rather than the book budget.

Staffing Update: The Director reported that though the Library was fully staffed for about a day before we lost a staff member to other opportunities, open positions were all revised and will be posted in hopes of having a fully-staffed Library by next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19 Surge: As reported in the news from various parts of the country, the rise of the new Delta variant of the virus will be monitored and updates or recommendations brought up as the state makes clear decisions based on the data available.

FY2022 Capital Improvements: A few projects that were identified, totaling \$89,600 were submitted to the Mayor. These clearly broken down, included carpentry work on doors, landscaping, paving, wiring of security cameras and door counters.

ARPA projects: The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, MBLC, received some funding from the American Rescue Plan Act and as a result, the Director made a request in writing to MBLC requesting a total of \$50,000 for use in the Leominster Public Library. The letter included some areas these funds would be used for.

The meeting adjourned (LN/SCZ) at 5:38PM.

Submitted by Lawrence NFOR, Board Secretary.