

Leach Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:35 by Judith Jackson

Members present: Gretchen Bittner, Kate Ives, Judith Jackson, Phillis Mosher, and Molly Veysey  
Others present were: Colette Houle, librarian, and Trisha Needham Ingalls, prospective board member

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: April Minutes approved along with Treasurer's Report and Revenue Report

Board Roles:

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Gretchen and Molly as co-chairs of the board. This motion was unanimously approved.

Trisha Ingalls introduced herself to the board. She has had a great deal of experience working in the non-profit sector and has successfully written a number of grants. She would be happy to help with applying for grant funding, especially for improved access to the library.

Phillis Mosher made a motion that Trisha be accepted as a member of the library board; Kate Ives seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The select board will be asked to appoint her to the library board.

Colette Houle was asked about her suggestion of Shelly Laber as a potential board member. She will contact her to see if she might be interested and available.

Trisha was asked if she might be interested in assuming the position of treasurer. She will work with Molly, current treasurer, to see if this is something she might want to do.

Orders

The board thanked Colette for her attention to keeping book orders current and relevant.

Colette explained that the Golden Dome (formerly DCF) list of 25 books is appropriate for readers in grades 4-8, while Red Clover books are for grades K-3. The library has typically maintained a complete annual collection of both, which are very popular. Gretchen will ask Danielle, the town clerk, if it might be possible to transfer additional funds to the book budget.

Colette also explained that the current vacuum now often malfunctions and would like to order a new one. It was agreed that she should do so.

Enrichment

This fall, the school district will reinstate the after school program using COVID-19 funding. This should not affect the library program.

Gretchen asked that the board consider creating a subcommittee to help with the Enrichment Program, which has grown over the years. This will be discussed at the next meeting. She also reported that the take-home kits have been very successful and would like to continue them.

Kate suggested that it would be helpful to have the participants display the results of their activities, perhaps in a culminating activity.

Financial Control

There remains a need to clarify the understanding of the respective roles of the town and the library board with regard to library finances. Gretchen agreed to discuss several related questions with the town clerk and report back at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the town is very supportive of the library and its endeavors, for which we are most grateful.

\*Other Business

Kate wondered why we don't use the interlibrary loan service. This will be further explored in future meetings.

Executive Session

Personnel discussion

Next meeting will be at 10:30 on June 8, 2021  
Meeting adjourned at 12:00  
Respectfully submitted, Phillis Mosher, Interim Clerk