

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, September 14, 2022.

(The meeting was held via Video Conference)

Minutes

ATTENDING

TRUSTEES: Kate Van Sleet, April Kuehnhoff, Carla Lillvik, Peter Scheidler

DIRECTOR: Cathy Piantigini

MISSING: Ami Feldman

GUEST:

CALL TO ORDER

President Van Sleet called the meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:09 pm.

MINUTES

A quorum was not present so we did not vote on the meeting minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Tuesday Mooney is the Somerville Reads book. There will be a scavenger hunt and a costume party as engagement activities. Several book clubs in October will discuss the book.

The City's Legal Department reviewed and approved the new Program Policy and Collection Development Policy in August, along with our Statement on Racial and Social Justice and the Request for Reconsideration Form. They will be posted on the library website very soon.

The Director has been discussing with City officials how to make a braille embosser available and whether it would be available to the public.

The Director is continuing to discuss the possibility of library lockers that people could use to pick up books and materials outside of library hours. Next step would be to have presentations from different locker vendors.

The City is negotiating a new contract with the Somerville Municipal Employees Union, including Unit B, which includes most library employees.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Three of the new trustees went before the appointments committee and were approved. They should be hopefully be sworn in before the next trustee meeting.

Discussed organization of trustee materials in the Google Drive.

President discussed better documentation of the work that the Trustees do and information to be able to share with new trustees.

President will start using the SPLTrustee calendar so that others can subscribe.

Discussed updates to the trustee website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:47 P.M., the trustees moved into Executive Session to discuss computer security.

The Executive Session ended at 6:50 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objection, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled to be held on October 12, 2022. The open meeting will take place in the Director's Office at the Central Branch Library.

April Kuehnhoff, Secretary