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Worthen Library

Monthly Meeting – Board of Trustees

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom video conference

Attending:

Board members: Ken Kowalewitz, Elissa Giroux, Luke Tremble, Melissa Hood, Liz Wirsing

Library Director: Keagan Calkins

Call to order @ 6:00 PM

Preliminary Business

- **Review payment orders for approval:** Summary of Bills circulated electronically to the board for review.
- **Agenda adjustments:** Ken Kowalewitz (KK) asks if there are any adjustments to the agenda. Ken has one for Select Board Meeting report.
- **Review and accept the minutes from the previous monthly meeting:** The minutes from the October 13, 2020, meeting were brought for approval. EG motioned that the minutes be accepted. MH seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Library Director's Report

Report submitted by Keagan Calkins (KC), reviewed by Board (see full report attached).

- The Racial Justice in Vermont Forum was a success! We had around 400 people attend the taping and the recording has been watched 59 times.
- Kanopy is live. Kanopy is a video streaming service, much like Netflix. Kanopy features documentaries, foreign films, classic movies, kids movies, and more. As of right now each library patron has 4 plays a month.
- The Friends of the Worthen Library have opted to skip a winter fundraiser this year and focus on helping with programming for the next Vermont Reads book.

Statistics: See full Director's report. Up in books and LUV. 150 more books than last year. Also non-book loans like a pottery wheel. Adding a video on how to use the pottery wheel.

Old & Ongoing Business

- **Development Committee Report:** Fundraising status. There will be a Thanksgiving message going out.
- Sandy, Mary and Keagan working on a small grant that will help push more interactive programs out throughout the winter/spring. Working with SHLT to present programming as well as Historical Society.
- More website updates will happen.

New Business

Year to date budget review

Last night Ken made brief presentation to Select Board and got approval for Article for Town Meeting. Voted unanimously to approve article.

Budget Review: Doing well with purchases. on target with budget.

Keagan to send Year to Date update.

2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan development

Last Strategic Plan took in 2016 to 2020. Time to plan for next five years/future. Things to think about

- Does it make sense and how do we gather community input on how we're doing? How do we bring in other people from the community to meet with us? T Also how to take into account all our different constituents.
- May consider budgeting for more than one year at a time.
- Ken to send out sample questionnaires for discussion in December.
- Idea is to work intensely January through March.

Question raised how to do programming for teens during COVID. With school on Zoom, a program on Zoom is difficult. Still not doing in person programs. Next month doing trivia night geared toward families. Has potential to reach out to youth.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:49 pm

Next meeting: Tues., December 8, 2020 @ 6:00 pm