

## **East Bridgewater Library Trustees Meeting**

September 20, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00. Board members in attendance were:

Anne Marek, Jennifer Lonergan, Kelsey Holbrook, Leah Herrmann, Russ Hannagan, and Interim Director Janice Allman. Trustee Brenda Conca arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Also in attendance were members of the MBLC, Christi Farrar and Lindsay Forbes.

Bills signed. A motion to accept the scribe's report for August 16, 2022 was made by Russ Hannagan and seconded by Brenda Conca.

### **Motion passed**

### **MBLC Members Discussion:**

The members came at our request to address the teen issue on early release days. Bullet points of our discussion are as follows:

- The members praised our library staff and responsiveness to concerns regarding keeping the teens actively engaged in a positive way with the library and staff.
- They feel the library has done everything it can do to mitigate any negative circumstances.
- They pointed out that the challenges in teen behavior is a community issue.
- The entire staff was praised by the MBLC for being invested in solving the problem as a group.

As the MBLC feels that the East Bridgewater public library staff has done everything it can to respond to the teen issue for the step suggestions included:

- Reaching out to other town leaders in the community to get them involved.
- Suggested a community youth committee could be constructed. It was noted that North Reading has something like this and has been successful.
- Reach out to other business leaders in the area that might be facing the same issue.
- Starting parent workshops.
- Reaching out to the local police department for community involvement.
- A coupon incentive for positive reinforcement.

### **Interim Director's Report**

Building Administrator Brian Kiely visited the library with a new "green" program. This includes a vendor arriving with energy efficient lighting.

Our Interim Director completed the library's financial report. There was discussion about a ransomware attack with one of the computer programs that made this more challenging. Thank you once again to Janice Allman for completing this.

Discussion was also made about whether or not the security camera request will make the warrant for the special town meeting.

A motion to accept the directors report was made by Leah Herrmann and seconded by Russ Hannagan.

**Motion passed**

**Friends report**

There will be a book sale on October 28 and 29th with set up being on October 27. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$8560.03. \$4439.63 were from donations in honor of Connie Love.

The calendar is being looked at to hold a grand opening for the new space. It will be named the Connie Ryan Love Teen Zone.

Anne Vantran is asking the Friends to fund a \$300 art project to be held over February school vacation.

**Old Business**

The Trustees signed the contract for new Director Jessica Henderson

**New Business**

The dates for the holiday schedule for 2023 were presented.

A motion to approve those dates was made by Jennifer Lonergan and was seconded by Kelsey Holbrook.

**Motion passed**

Meeting adjourned at 8:26

Jennifer Lonergan, Trustee

**Next meeting October 18, 2002**