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Minutes of the Meeting of the Ellsworth Public Library Board of Trustees June 15, 2021

Attending

Ron Fortier (Chair), Anne Lusby (Treasurer), Spencer Patterson King (Secretary), Craig MacDonald, Kathleen Cravens, Amy Wisehart (Director), Keli Gancos

Call to Order

Meeting called order at 6:00 pm

Consent Agenda

- 1. Minutes of the May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 26, 2021 Special Meeting**
- 2. Financial Reports and Planning**
 - a) Treasurer's Report**
 - b) Annual Appeal Report**
- 3. Building and Grounds Report**
- 4. Director's Report**

Anne Lusby moved to approve the consent agenda
Spencer Patterson King seconded
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Friends of the Library Report

Anne Lusby and Amy Wisehart attended the meeting on June 2, 2021. The Friends were happy to reconvene and return to work.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Supporting Town Funding**

Trustees and the Director discussed plans for September, which is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and ways to promote the library to Ellsworth residents.

- 2. FY22 Budget**

Trustees reviewed proposed budget alterations drafted by the Director coping with the budget reduction voted by the city council.

Anne Lusby moved to approve Budget Scenario 1 as drafted by Amy Wisehart
Craig MacDonald seconded

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Kathleen Cravens suggested that the board provide to city council a missive congratulating Amy Wisehart for her work on the budget and also include a brief description of what items are reduced and what those reductions will impact.

3. COVID Protocols and Procedures

Craig MacDonald discussed with the letter addressed to library trustees regarding current Sars-COV-2 precautions in the library as written and cosigned by 22 patrons and residents. Spencer Patterson King reviewed the employee responses about the protocols and precautions. Trustees opted to revisit the protocol in August.

New Business

1. Riverview Room Reopening

The Friends of the Library requested the trustees discuss the topic as part of sorting, delivering, selling, or incorporating books provided by the Ellsworth American. Reopening the room in August would make the space available for the Friends' three-day book sale. Trustees and the Director discussed current challenges with reopening the room. Further discussion will occur with the Friends to help clear the storage by August to reopen the room.

2. Ice Cream Social Event

The Library will host an ice cream social on Saturday, July 24th (rain date July 31st) 11am - 1pm. The event will take place outside.

3. FY21 Revenue

Trustees discussed the use of the annual appeal and art auction funds.

4. Trustee Succession Planning

Trustees discussed possible candidates to approach about running for the board in fall. Ron Fortier is in the process of apprising Craig MacDonald about the duties, responsibilities, and paperwork involved in chairing.

5. Pride Flag

Trustees discussed the city program of pride celebration including hanging the pride flag at the library entrance.

Public Comment

Gianna Turk from Lamoine spoke in favor of the pride display. She stated that display of acceptance is a baseline and wishes that the library will continue pride displays and support in the future.

Rebecca Turk echoed Gianna Turk's comments around the pride display. She also thanked the trustees for their support of their continuation of masking. Rebecca Turk

stated that part of the protection younger patrons is not only masking but providing the inclusive environment supportive of pride.

Executive session per MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Sec 405, Paragraph 6A to discuss employment matters

Spencer Patterson King moved to enter executive session at 7:28 pm

Craig MacDonald seconded

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Spencer Patterson King moved to exit executive session at 7:34 pm

Anne Lusby seconded

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Adjournment

Spencer Patterson King moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm

Anne Lusby seconded

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Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Patterson King, Secretary