

Canton Public Library Board of Trustees General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2023 - 7:30 PM

The Chairperson, A. Iqbal, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. Present: N. Eggenberger, M. Farell, A. Iqbal, J. Lee, C. Spas, A. Watts

Absent: None

Also Present: E. Davis, S. Bewick

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Present: M. Brady, K. Bounds, L. Golden, D. McHugh, M. Nicholson, C. Swanberg

M. Brady shared details of an experience she had at the library, and requested that the board remove the "shoes required" language from the Patron Code of Conduct as it applies to small children. The board advised they will add this to their agenda for consideration at the October meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

COMMUNICATIONS

Director Eva Davis presented an email from patron M. Brady pertaining to the topic of her public comment. The board confirmed they will address changes to the Patron Code of Conduct at the October meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Davis advised a counter and stools have been installed to provide additional patron seating near The Lab. Colleen Van Auken, a former trustee of the library board, is interested in donating something in memory of her late son; we are going to approach her to see if she might like to donate a piece of artwork for the wall near the new counter.

Engagement & Design Department Head Laurie Golden and her staff have tallied the final attendance numbers for the 62 Days of Summer. Over the 77 total programs conducted over 62 days, there were 6,538 patrons in attendance. This is the first time the library has seen numbers this high since before the pandemic.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

A. Iqbal stated she had received feedback from a parent from the Bloomfield area who visits our library when her daughter is in classes; she wanted to let us know that the Canton Public Library is a great place.

N. Eggenberger apologized to Circulation & Information Services Department Head Kat Bounds for forgetting about a borrowed book while she was out of the country.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS & GENERAL ORDERS

Approve 2024 Schedule of Board Meetings and Library Closures – N. Eggenberger moved and M. Farell supported a motion to approve the 2024 Schedule of Board Meetings and Library Closures as presented.

The motion passed unanimously 23/9-21-1

NEW BUSINESS

None

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No comments

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Claire Spas, Secretary-Treasurer