

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MINUTES

June 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee, Paula Dugan (virtually), Trustee Megan Silva (virtually), Library Director Carol Buote, and Friends President Danielle Nicolet. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021 were read and approved as amended.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Thirty-one (31) make and take craft kits were offered featuring a bubble making kit.

StoryWalk featured *Mell Fell* by Corey R. Tabor. A new story will be installed for June.

The Summer Reading online registration and online reading logs will be ready for the month of June. Online and paper options will be available for participants.

Discussions with Carol Gafford of the Swansea Public Library included collaborating summer reading activities, ideas, plans and cross-promoting programs with other local Southcoast libraries.

The tent has been installed and will be available for outdoor events, pending COVID restrictions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carol Buote submitted and read a report for the past month.

The Virtual Trivia Event was held on May 22nd with 20 attendees. The next Virtual Trivia event is scheduled for June 19th.

The Book Club was held on June 3rd with 6 attendees and featured *The Almost Sisters* by Joshilyn Jackson. July will feature *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

The past month featured the following collaborative events: 1) Cookbook Book Club; 2) Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping; and 3) When Objects Talk Back: The Paranormal Couple in collaboration with the Berkley Cultural Council.

The Plimouth Patuxet pass are now available.

Circulation has been increasing steadily. Gender-based categories have been removed and are now labeled ADULT, YA and JUV. An air purifier is now in the children's room. The alarm

system has been delayed until July due to backordered items. The Library budget was fully funded at the June 7th Town Meeting.

Community relations efforts included the June newsletter, a Library News article feature in COA newsletter. Amy now manages the Facebook postings and Erica will continue the Instagram postings.

FRIEND'S REPORT

The Flamingo Flocking Event is now taking place and will go through the summer. For a donation of \$20.00, lawn flamingos can be placed on friends/family/neighbors' lawns in Berkley for 3-4 days. For the same donation amount, lawns can be "insured" from the Flocking Event! To sign up you may stop by the Library or email friendsoftheberkeleylibrary@gmail.com.

The Friends are currently organizing a Read-A-Thon event for July. More information will follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed COVID restriction changes were presented and discussed. The following was agreed: 1) books will no longer require quarantining; 2) wipes will be available at the adult PCs for patrons to utilize; 3) set a 1-hour time limit 4) small adult programs will be indoors and all children's programs will be outdoors; 5) masks will be optional in the adult room with no capacity limit; and 6) masks will be required in the children's room and limited to one family at a time.

Recently approved federal holiday entitled Juneteenth and the closure on Saturday, June 19th was discussed and it was agreed that the Library will be closed.

The materials deficit budget was discussed and determined that the shortfall will be obtained from state aid and The Friends.

Various libraries have been instituting a new trend to eliminate fines or old fines. Discussion included eliminating old fines which will aid in the cleaning up the SAILS system and organizing an amnesty day on a Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Chairman Ross-Lyman was approached by former Library Director Rosemarie Wellman who has offered to assist and/or consult in obtaining a new Library. Ms. Wellman was very active in the last proposal and was able to raise significant funds and write grants.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made seconded and carried to enter into Executive Session at 7:47 PM under MGL, Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a). Chairman Lyman announced the meeting will not reconvene in open session.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE

ADJOURN

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

July 13, 2021	August 10, 2021	
September 14, 2021	October 12, 2021	November 9, 2021
December 14, 2021		

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerrie J Easterday, Secretary