

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES

March 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee Paula Dugan, Trustee Megan Silva, Friend's President Danielle Nicolet and Library Director Carol Buote. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2022 were read and approved as amended.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Erica Grady submitted a report from February 8, 2022-March 8, 2022:

There were roughly 142 visitors to the Children's Room with 28 crafts enjoyed.

There were 5 volunteers this month. The VolunTEENS program put in 26 hours in community service.

The StoryWalk posts are still up but are planned to go on the fence surrounding the playground in the spring, as well as poetry boards surrounding the gazebo.

A Children's Room newsletter is now reaching 71 people.

There were 56 guesses for the Guessing Jar in February with 1 lucky winner. March Jar holds LEGOs.

The Winter Reading Program wrapped up on February 11th with a total of 39 participants in all.

Dates for upcoming events were confirmed such as Summer Reading kickoff event, 'Bake for Good' program, Challenge! Trivia, Dighton Rock Collaboration, Aerodynamics STEM program, and the 'simple machines' program. Programs in the works were also discussed.

The latest Sails report shows the Juvenile circulation is climbing up from 596 in November and 580 in December to 742 in January and 880 in February.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

Amy McNamara started in the Circulation position as of March 1st.

The Book Club met on March 3rd with five attendees and discussed Lab Girl by Hope Jahren.

The Knot Just Knitting group met on February 9th with five attendees and on February 17th with seven attendees.

A Virtual Trivia event was held on February 19th with eighteen attendees.

New nonfiction is continued to be ordered with the Bristol Wealth Group donation.

The Library was closed on February 25th for a snow day.

A new COVID-19 Policy was proposed of making masks optional. If a family comes into the Children's Room with masks on then the employee working will put on their mask. Storytime, as well as other programs, are still planned to be outside. The Library will also still continue to offer curbside services.

FRIEND'S REPORT

Friend's President, Danielle Nicolet, submitted and read a report of upcoming Friend's events including fundraisers with Barrett's Alehouse, BCS Vendor Fair, Gift Card Raffle, and Murder Mystery Dinner at Chamberlain's. The next Friend's meeting will be March 21st at 7pm.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Review of budget for FY23

Carol Buote presented the FY23 Budget proposal and discussed with Library Trustees.

Megan Silva motioned to accept the budget presentation to be submitted to the Finance Committee with personnel figures to be determined. The motion was seconded by Paula Dugan, all voted in favor.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Review of COVID-19 Policies

The Library Trustees reviewed and discussed the new COVID-19 policies previously stated.

Megan Silva motioned to make the Library masks optional. If a family comes into the Children's Room with masks on, the employee will also put their mask on. Masks are available to anyone who wants one. Storytime will continue to be held outside and curbside services will continue to be offered. Paula Dugan seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

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

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURN

Paula Dugan made a motion to go into Executive Session and not to return to regular session under MGL 3CA Sec 21§ (a) 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; Library Director; review of matter, votes may be taken, seconded by Megan Silva and carried to adjourn at 7:48 PM.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE

Paula Dugan

AYE

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:
April 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
Chloe DeFaria, Secretary