

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 9, 2019
10:30 AM

Call to Order Trustee Meeting at 6:45 PM

Roll Call –EveMarie Cabral, Alison Cembalisty, Jocelyn Tavares.
Alison moved to accept the August 21 minutes. Eve seconded. Minutes approved.
September 11 Trustee meeting was cancelled and not rescheduled.

Old Business

- Jocelyn contacted references of the strategic planning consultants. Additionally, board members contacted Jocelyn independently of their first choice of consultant as the September 11 board meeting was cancelled due to multiple unforeseen circumstances. ESC was the consensus top pick for all three board members. With this determination, Jocelyn proceeded to contact all of the consultants to let them know the outcome and to partner with ESC for the Dighton Public Library Strategic Plan.
- Jocelyn received one proposal for website design from Clearpeak Interactive. Awaiting one from EpBRI. Will contact EpBRI to check on status and interest of submitting proposal. Will send those proposals to board for further discussion.
- Historic New England did not grant an award to the Dighton Public Library.
- The Massachusetts Cultural Council Project Grant declined to award the library and historical society a grant award. The project was liked, but it needed to show stronger outcomes from the overall plan. Application needed to be clearer about what would happen and what needs to be confirmed rather than hoped for planning.

New Business

- Discussion of statistics, along with social media promotion with Freegal where we created a Dighton music playlist called “Music to Dighton’s Ears,” where we saw an increase in Freegal use. Also created the lists in Apple Music and Spotify, but we will try different approaches with the other online resources to see if we can encourage use.
- State Aid report has been submitted.
- Special Town Meeting is Monday, October 28, 2019.
- Jocelyn requested reimbursement for attendance at the New England Library Association conference. She will be attending one day on Monday, October 21 in Mystic, CT. Granted.
- New genealogy product called Fold3 added. It is related to Ancestry, with a specialization in military records and documents.

Questions/Input
Friends

- Taste of Dighton was a successful night for the Friends and the library. Profit was approximately \$1800.
- Friends of the library Annual Meeting is Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:30.

Personnel

- According to the Town Administrator, the six month performance review is optional for both library director and board of trustees. If the director has trouble accomplishing goals, the director can initiate the process to adjust them. If the trustees have issues, they can initiate the process to address them.

Correspondence

- We received a letter from COOP, a program in Dighton that supports people with disabilities. Britt Grealish-Rust has been recognized by COOP and will receive a Community Award at their 2019 Annual Awards and Election Meeting. The Community Awards are given each year to people and organizations who contribute to COOP's philosophy of providing integrated, community services to people with intellectual and other disabilities. Britt has developed a special connection with several people at the Dighton program through her kindness and support of the COOP mission.

Upcoming Programs

- Discussed upcoming programs and Dighton's inclusion in the Plymouth 400 anniversary.

Adjournment

- Alison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35. Eve seconded. Approved.