

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AT OLD TOWN HALL
MINUTES
July 9, 2020
9:00 AM**

Call to Order Trustee Meeting at 9:10 am

Roll Call – Alison Cembalisty, EveMarie Cabral, Ron O’Connor, Jocelyn Tavares

Alison moved to approve both the minutes of the February 12 & April 30 Trustee meetings. Eve seconded. Minutes approved. The meeting of March 12 had been canceled due to the Covid crisis.

Old Business

There was no old business on the agenda.

New Business

- Online Statistics – This agenda item was tabled to the August meeting.
- Library Operations during COVID – Jocelyn gave an update on curbside service at the library: we are starting to see momentum with people visiting the library. We are quarantining books for a week. Still only allowed two staff people in the library building at a time, so scheduling is a challenge. Other Staff members will be working at Old Town Hall.

While it is good that Internet and computer service is being made available at Old Town Hall, there are questions that arise:

- Operational hours when/if schools open?
- What are the needs of the library as a service?
- How do we provide access to all library materials, including computers?
- Is there space for programming (what will programming look like as Phase 3 progresses?)
- Can we lease private space and is there even money available to do so?
- Jocelyn will contact the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen to discuss the above, especially relative to library’s ability to remain certified in the eyes of the Mass Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), which affects the Dighton Library’s ability to loan and borrow books with other libraries.
- Jocelyn distributed the draft Strategic Plan for FY21 – FY26. Approval is tabled to August meeting.
- The Dighton Public Library was awarded the following grant in the amount of \$1900: Virtual Programming for Distance Learning Grant. It is a federal CARES grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and is administered by the MBLC.
- The Dighton Public Library applied for a Cares Grant Application directly through the IMLS. We will learn in August the outcome of that application.

Questions/Input
Friends

- The Friends made the difficult decision to cancel the Taste of Dighton.

Personnel

- Six month performance review for director is on the agenda in error.

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

- All summer reading programs are being done digitaly through the Beanstack app.

Adjournment Eve moved to adjourn the meeting. Alison seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:11.

Next meeting is August 13 at 9:00.