

DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
January 21, 2021
6:00 PM

Due to the increasing concern surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was open to the public through the Zoom Conferencing platform. A recording of the meeting was aired on Comcast Local TV 9 and posted on the Town of Dighton YouTube Channel.

Call to Order Trustee Meeting Started at 6:04 with Zoom by Ron O’Connory, Board of Trustees, Chair
Roll Call – Ron O’Connor, Chair; Eve Cabral, trustee, Alison Cembalisty, trustee; Jocelyn Tavares, library director

With a virtual meeting, a roll call vote should be taken, so that it is absolutely clear what the outcome of the vote is. The meeting must be completely audible. The meeting is recorded.

Eve moved to approve the minutes of November 19, 2020 minutes. Alison seconded. No further discussion.

Eve Cabral: Aye

Alison Cembalisty: Aye

Ron O’Connor: Abstained.

Motion carried. Minutes of November 19, 2020 are approved.

Old Business

- Library Operations: Back at 25% capacity, which means 2 people in the library for staffing. All town buildings are currently closed to the public. Two staff working at Old Town Hall - processing books and I am doing the work I can do in a closed building. While all town buildings are closed, the library is still operating curbside. No further questions on library operations.

New Business

- Discussed statistics. December checkouts were decent compared to November, even if it didn’t feel particularly busy. Online resources continue to be used. November a good month for Freegal, both downloading and streaming songs. Overdrive well used, hoopla. Acorn TV saw a dip, but one of the more used items. Look at other subscriptions to complement online options.
- Strategic Plan has been accepted by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC).
- Fiscal Year 22 Budget. Instructions were to prepare a level funded budget, with the exception of any contractual increases. Discussion of each budget line. Transfer of \$2,000 from recreation (programming) to the materials/books line in order to maintain materials requirement of MBLC. Will meet with Selectman Zografos on February 2 to discuss the budget. We need Board of Trustee approval for the budget.
- Explained some changes to state aid policy regarding open hours, budget and materials expenditure.
 - Eve moved to approve budget for Fiscal year 22. Alison seconded.

Eve Cabral:	Aye
Alison Cembalisty:	Aye
Ron O’Connor:	Aye

Questions/Input
Friends

Personnel

- Review time for Director. Schedule for February meeting. Jocelyn will do self-review and send to the Board. Board will have their own scores compiled for February meeting. That meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 6:00.

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

- Discussed upcoming Zoom programs.

Alison made an announcement that was unanticipated, from the agenda. Alison will not be running for another term for Trustee. She will alert the Town Clerk of her decision as required.

Adjournment Eve moved to adjourn the meeting. Alison stepped down from role as chair to second.

Eve Cabral: Aye

Alison Cembalisky: Aye

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:51