

**DIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
**December 2, 2021**  
**6:30 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 6:38.

This was a hybrid meeting with public participation through with Zoom.

Roll Call – In-person participants: Ron O’Connor, Chair; Rita Araujo, trustee; Jocelyn Tavares, library director

Members of the public present participating by Zoom: none present.

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.

Rita moved to approve August 19, October 20 and November 4 meeting minutes. Ron seconded.

Ron O’Connor:       Aye  
Rita Araujo:         Aye  
Motion carries.

Old Business

- Library Operations: Things feel like they are falling into place. Tot Time and Preschool Story Times have begun. Tot Time has brought in small group attendance. Preschool story time has always been more of a challenge getting attendance. Crafts are now make and take because there isn’t space to make the craft.
- Participated in Lights On last week. A commemorative ornament for the tree lighting craft kit was made, passport book was made and kids are still able to pick that book up to do activities.
- Modular Unit: People are coming in. Someone has used the Internet space. A gentleman came in asking about the library project. Time to approach Town Administrator (TA) Mullen about starting public conversations on the project that Chair O’Connor wanted to begin. Also checking on availability of the Mass Board of Library Commissioners staff for January visits. They had wanted to check on the temporary space. When confirmed, will notify Board and TA Mullen. Rita asked about construction on Main Street. Britt has done a bit of the work to try and make space ready as we believed needed to happen, but library staff has not had an update on the work progress. Still things that do need to be done – work in the office, knowing where to store items appropriately.
- Received the funding authorization for the laptops. Total committed is \$1,749.95
- Libraries Transforming Communities grant. Still awaiting feedback on the programming equipment, so the Meeting Owl was ordered, with the tripod. There is still a balance of grant funds, trying to figure out best use of funds (equipment or subscription streaming services, etc.)
- Received notifications that some of the Cultural Council grant proposals were not accepted. It appears to Jocelyn that it is the virtual programs that may have not been optimal for the Cultural Council. Official reason is “weak public benefit.” Jocelyn

was not aware of messaging that discouraged virtual programming. The library has not received disapproval notification of the program that could be held in-person.

#### New Business

- Statistics discussed. Limited availability because the meeting is early in the month. Online resources were available for most of the products. Ron stated he liked Kanopy.
- Payroll and bills approved. Discussion of process of collection purchasing, especially Overdrive ebooks and audiobooks. Purchasing decisions are a balance of demand and gaps in the collection, with regard to nonfiction (currency).

#### Questions/Input

- Ron suggested holding capital conversations now while things are quiet at the library. Try to put together some kind of plan for community engagement.

Friends

Personnel

Correspondence

Upcoming Programs

Adjournment Rita moved to adjourn the meeting. Ron seconded.

Ron O'Connor: Aye

Rita Arajuo: Aye

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.