

**Minutes of the Waynesboro Public Library
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
4:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairperson Kanise Marshall. Present at the meeting were Kanise Marshall, Emily Bardeen, Edie Eckman, Director Susan Versen, and Friends of the Library representative Kevin Ryan. Jabriel Tyler was absent without notice. Brenci Patiño was absent due to vacation.

A motion was made, seconded and approved, to accept the minutes of the April Board Meeting.

Director's Report

Susan reported that the Summer Reading Program will be done on Beanstack, an online platform provided by the Library of Virginia. Participants can track their reading online and it includes challenges. Jamie is working on three programs for summer, including "Food Truck Fridays". Craft bags will be phased out while in-person crafts programs will increase.

The 1000 Books before Kindergarten program continues and is also tracked through Beanstack. The Seed Library is very popular. Saturday hours (10-2) start June 4.

Statistics are holding steady. Traffic is higher than indicated in the monthly report because the door numbers were wrong for a few days. Physical computer use is on upward trend; staff will work with IT to have 4 one-hour computers available. The Spanish collection is more accessible now. Susan is hiring more part time staff to help with Saturday hours.

COVID test kits have been ordered. These will be distributed at no charge through a Virginia Department of Health program. Susan is working on State Aid application. Kathy is testing a new software called Library Market, to handle the meeting room reservations and events calendar.

Old Business

The marijuana seed policy is still under review.

Jabriel Tyler has said he is still interested in being on the Board. However, he has been absent at multiple board meetings without notice. According to the By-Laws, this means he is no longer eligible to serve on the Library Board. It was moved and seconded that the Board ask the City Council to declare a vacancy for his position on the Board.

New Business

There was further discussion about board vacancies. Edie's term is over this fall; she is willing to serve a second term but encouraged the Board to find some additional citizens to fill both Jabriel's vacancy and the one that comes available in the fall. Ideally, the Board would reflect the demographics of the community, including parents with children and recent college graduates.

Emily says Orchard Creek Country Club is doing a good job of growing their membership by appealing to a wide variety of ages and might be a good resource to connect with. Board members are encouraged to think of some names to suggest for Board membership.

Friends of the Library Report: Kevin Ryan reported that May is Membership Drive month. They have sent out brochures asking for people to join. They expressed a need to reinvigorate the membership base. The Friends will sell books at Farmers Market and Food Truck Fridays. They have some funding requests for supporting the summer reading program.

Next meeting: June 21, 2022., 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Eckman
Acting Secretary