

Library Committee Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022 – 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom

Attended

Committee: Lindsay Howard, Kathleen Reidy, Sue Curtin, Kristen Morganti (chair), Tara Edelman, Laura Klein, Sara Pacelle, Mary-Wren vanderWilden.

Also in attendance: Emily Smith, Director; Royce McGrath, Supervisor of Children's Services; Sherry Litwack, Trustee, The Library Corporation; Brian Taylor, Finance Committee.

Acceptance of December 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Krysten Morganti called the recorded Zoom meeting to order at 7:06pm and took attendance. The committee reviewed minutes from December 21, 2021 and voted to approve.

Library Corporation Update

Sherry reported that it was exciting that bookshelves had begun arriving. Staff would begin shelving books, and she complimented the staff on their amazing work. The Forum would be completed in April, ready for meetings. The new Teen Room was completed and was painted a teal blue.

Director's Report

Emily reported that more shelving would be arriving. The Main Library would reopen on February 19th. The Children's Library will reopen on Saturday, February 26th.

The Library now had 5 hotspots from MBLC for patrons to check out. The Sustainability Implementation Committee has resumed meeting and is working on the action plan.

Emily announced that three 10 hour/week Library Assistant positions have been filled. The Library is continuing to fill vacancies, including hiring a MakerSpace Coordinator, Assistant Director and Staff Librarian in Teen.

Sherry raised the question of when to have a celebration of the opening of the entire main Library either this spring or next fall. Should there be one big celebration or split celebrations? Marcy Eckel will continue as Manager of Development. A social media person will be hired.

New Business

Discussion occurred about the" Children's Use of the Library" Policy. Children aged 9 or younger must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times. Children aged 10 or older may use the Library alone. The Committee accepted the updated policy by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

The Committee reviewed the "Library Card Policy" and Emily provided an overview of the changes that have been recommended. The Committee voted again to unanimously accept the updated policy. Emily reported that she would continue reviewing Library Policies with the Library Committee.

The Committee adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted Susan Curtin March 15, 2022