

**Concord Free Public Library  
Library Committee Minutes  
May 21, 2019**

Present: Tara Edelman, Bev Gauthier, Lindsay Howard, Pat Nelson, Mav Pardee and Kerry Cronin, Library Director

Guest: Leslie Wilson from CFPL, Ingrid Detweiler from the League of Women Voters, Terry Ackerman from the Select Board, and Susan Curtin and Krysten Morganti, guests and potential Library Committee Members

Tara Edelman, the incoming Chair of the Library Committee, agreed to chair the meeting because Mav Pardee still felt the effects of a dental procedure earlier that day.

The meeting began with a tour of the Curator's Collection exhibit led by Leslie Wilson who had assembled the collection to celebrate her tenure at CFPL. Leslie pointed out some of her favorite items and described their history and significance. Members of the Committee thanked Leslie for her many contributions to the Library over the past 23 years and wished her well post-retirement.

After the tour, the meeting reconvened in the Trustees room. The two potential Library Committee members, Susan Curtin and Krysten Morganti, introduced themselves and described their interest in the Library and joining the Committee. Their comments were followed with introductions of Committee members and observers.

May 21 was the final meeting for Bev Gauthier who served on the Committee for six years. We served cake and thanked Bev for her long service, her insights and thoughtful contributions to the work of the Committee. We also recognized the service of Carl Vause, who ended his term as well but was unable to attend the meeting.

The minutes from the April meeting were unavailable, but will be presented at a later meeting.

The main topic of the meeting was a discussion of the upcoming community planning session as part of the development of the next CFPL Long Range Plan. The meeting is scheduled for June 17 with Jay Vogt, the consultant who helped with an earlier planning process. After reviewing the draft agenda, several members felt that it was too complex and possibly confusing. The Committee felt that the most important topics for the meeting should focus on the role of CFPL in building community, in fostering exploration, and supporting innovation. Those three concepts will be the key discussion points at the June 17 meeting at the Fowler branch library (7:00 – 9:00 pm).

Bev Gauthier, Tara Edelman, Dennis Fiori, and Mav Pardee agreed to work as a subcommittee with Kerry Cronin to discuss the Committee's concerns and refine the plans with Jay Vogt.

Members of the Committee agreed to send additional ideas or comments on the plan to Kerry by June 1.

Highlights from Kerry Cronin's report included notice that recruitment is underway for a new Library Curator since Leslie Wilson retires at the end of July, 2019. She also highlighted several recent and upcoming events at the library:

- A presentation on the Molasses Tank failure of 1919
- A free concert co-sponsored by the Friends of CFPL
- The Friends of CFPL annual book sale scheduled for June 1
- The CCHS study day for high school students preparing for final exams scheduled for June 5, 2019

In addition, CFPL has ordered a custom-made Library Tricycle that will hold 150 books, a laptop computer and wireless hotspot to expand the Library's outreach to community events. It should be delivered by the end of the summer.

The June CFPL Library Committee meeting will be replaced with the planning session with Jay Vogt on June 17.

Documents distributed at the meeting included:

Meeting Agenda for May 21

Library Director's Report and Financial Report

Draft Facilitator's Agenda for the June 18 Planning Meeting (date was changed to June 17)

Respectfully submitted,

Mav Pardee