

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)
SANDWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY (SPL)
MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2022

Present: Chair Bob Thomson, Vice-Chair Jeanie Vander Pyl, Mark Wiklund, Christine Brown, Bill Wagner, Jayne Burke and Library Director Joanne Lamothe

Absent: Ted Scribner, Katie Miller and Mike McCartney

Guests: Vianna Heath and Gretchen Mulroy – Candidates for Library Trustee

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2022

JayneB motioned to accept the February 8th minutes – ChristineB seconded and all were in favor.

Roll call – approval of minutes February 8, 2022.

Bob Thomson – aye	Jeanie Vander Pyl – aye
Mark Wiklund – aye	Bill Wagner - aye
Jayne Burke – aye	Christine Brown – aye

Correspondence/Statements/Announcements

- BobT – received correspondence from Jo Ann Miller Buntich who suggested that the Board take a look at a site called Amplify POC Cape Cod. This site includes artwork created by people of color.
- ChristineB – announced she will be running for school committee. She will step down from the Library Board if elected to the school committee.

Director's Report

Building Update –

- Lighting control issues have been resolved.
- Events calendar – meeting rooms are now being reserved online.
- Items continue as work in process – HVAC, Audio and Visual and repairs to the stainless steel trim on the stairwell.

Report on Community Outreach Homebound Delivery Service (handout) –

- Circulation staff member, Abera Delaney, coordinates the community outreach homebound delivery service. Currently there are nineteen participants enrolled in the program. The program serves all residents in the town of Sandwich who are unable to physically visit the library.
- An individual file is maintained for each participant. Each file contains the participant's favorite genres, formats and a history of what they have borrowed.
- Abera coordinates with the Council on Aging and the Friends to make sure each participant receives the materials they have requested.
- Abera's personal touch is felt by all!

Chairperson's Report

Highlight – The library is thriving as can be seen with the library calendar of events. It continues to grow and expand with programming and other offerings as a result of cooperative efforts with staff members, the Friends of the Library, FOSTA, Titcomb's Bookshop and other community outreach groups and businesses.

Friends of the Library Update –

- Continue to work with staff members and the community to bring new programs and activities to the library. (ie – St Patrick's Day Celtic music performance and Read for a Better World)
- Richard J. Connor Award application is due by April 1st.
- Junior Friends had their first meeting in February.

Friends of the Sandwich Town Archives Update –

- In memory of archivist Barbara Gill, the Friends are sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship to a Sandwich senior student planning to attend college. Application deadline 4/15/22.
- Looking to support the further digitization of historic newspapers.

Other Notes –

- New exhibit at the Sandwich Glass Museum called Sandwich Through A Lens created in partnership with the library, FOSTA and the Jones family.
- Sandwich Arts Alliance – currently featuring the artwork of Chris Warrington.

Town Election Update –

- Currently there are six candidates running for three library trustee seats.

New Business – Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

- None

Old Business – Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

Meeting Room Policy Draft Revision (handout revisions in blue) –

- Added the patio as a venue under Meeting Rooms Available.
- Added item number 7 under Serving of Refreshments – Food trucks on library property will be allowed only with the prior permission of the library director.
- Added patio and grounds on page 4 under Fees.
- A third draft revision will be presented at the next board meeting.

Library Art Committee Report (handout) – Mark Wiklund

- MarkW – Goal is to enliven the library with displays of diverse art, crafts and cultural and historical materials.
- The Art Committee recommends the following –
 - Immediate tangible steps –
 - Identify locations to display the artwork. ('slab walls' and wall behind the tech bar)
 - Utilize art from the library collection, enlarge photos and quilts for Summer 2022 display.
 - Acquire a sculpture for the patio.
 - Address the Big Picture –
 - Create a working group trustee led and overseen by the library director and board.
 - Seek an art consultant and community input via a focus group.
 - Involve the Schools –
 - Engage with the schools to exhibit student art.

➤ Involve Historic/Cultural Groups -

Sandwich Arts Alliance
Glass Museum
Nye Museum
Wing House
Various Cape Cod artisans
FOSTA archives material

- Joanne – will reach out to potential art consultants.
- Consensus by the Board for the Art Committee to continue their work as reported.

Stu Parsons Recognition –

- MikeM submitted a handout titled Blueberries for Stu. Mike's proposal is as follows – That we install a birdbath surrounded by hardy blueberry bushes outside of the Children's Room window to honor Stu.
- Consensus by the Board to continue discussions regarding a birdbath feature to honor Stu at the next Board meeting.

Public Forum

Gretchen Mulroy – Interested in how the Town of Sandwich works and the Library is a good place to start. Has been a school volunteer. Enjoys working with people. Loves to read. The library is a comforting place to be.

Vianna Heath – Sandwich resident for 20 years. Loves the library. Loves to read. Bought home to be near Titcomb's Bookshop.

MarkW motioned to adjourn – BillW seconded and all were in favor.

Roll call – adjournment.

Jeanie Vander Pyl – aye

Mark Wiklund – aye

Bob Thomson – aye

Jayne Burke - aye

Bill Wagner – aye

Christine Brown – aye

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melinda Aguiar