

Baldwinsville Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting – December 8, 2021

PRESENT: Craig Maguire, President; Mary Schmutz, Mary Lou Carpinella, Lauren Russett, Margaret Van Patten, Library Director; Krista Wells, Secretary

EXCUSED: Bruce Jones, Pamela Fallesen, Linda Clarkson, Vice-President

ALSO PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Joyce Myers

The Board meeting was called to order by President Maguire at 7:57 p.m.

- I. Conflict of Interest. There were no reports from Board members of any conflicts of interest relating to the Board members of library matters.
- II. Disposition of Minutes of November 10, 2021. The minutes were distributed and discussed. Motion by Schmutz, seconded by Carpinella that the minutes be accepted as presented. Carried.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Public Fund. The Budget Status Report for 7/1/2021 - 10/31/2021 were distributed and discussed. Motion by Carpinella, seconded by Russett that the Public Funds report for Cycle 04 - 7/1/2021 – 10/31/21 be accepted as presented. Carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Donation Fund. The Donation Fund report dated December 1, 2021 was distributed and discussed. Motion by Carpinella, seconded by Schmutz, that the Donation Fund report dated December 1, 2021 be approved and accepted as presented. Carried.
- V. Bills – Public Fund. The bills for November 10, 2021 to December 8, 2021 were distributed and discussed. Motion by Schmutz, seconded by Russett that the bills for November 10, 2021 to December 8, 2021 be approved and accepted as presented. Carried.
- VI. Bills – Donation Fund. None.
- VII. Public Comments. None.
- VIII. Old Business.

A. Updates

1. Library Construction Grants. No updates
2. Monthly Energy Use Review. Kw usage not available. Natural Gas usage stayed close to the trend line.
3. Fundraiser: Barnes and Noble Book Fair. The Book Fair was, in some ways, quieter this year. The restrictions placed on the Library by Barnes and Noble may have impacted the sale to the point where the sale might not be worth continuing. The Board will wait for the final total from the sale and evaluate going forward.

B. Fine Free. Unanimous vote to permanently go fine free. Motion by Carpinella, seconded by Schmutz to permanently remove late fees and fines. Carried. Patrons will still be charged for the price of items not returned.

C. Friends. A meeting will be held in the new year with members of the Friends, President Maguire, Director Van Patten, and Secretary Wells to discuss next steps for the Friends.

D. Other. None.

IX. New Business

A. Intellectual Freedom. Van Patten informed the Board of an increasing in censorship attempts across the country. This has led the New York Library Association (NYLA) to adopt a Statement on the Defense of Intellectual Freedom. Van Patten reviewed the policy for review if a patron has an issue with a title carried by the Library. The Board discussed the censorship attempts and reaffirmed that the Library does not take a political or religious stance. Furthermore, the Library does not serve in loco parentis, it is up to the parent or guardian to decide what materials a child has access to. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Statement in Defense of Intellectual Freedom.

Motion by Russett, seconded by Schmutz, to adopt the proposed Statement on the Defense of Intellectual Freedom. Carried.

B. Personnel Changes. None.

- X. Directors Report. Van Patten updated the Board on the current quarantine requirements for COVID-19 exposure. Van Patten utilized the Ask A Lawyer service to clarify the current requirements.

Carpinella requested to discuss an additional topic before closing the meeting. Carpinella proposed that going forward all Board members notify Van Patten and Maguire one week prior to a regularly scheduled meeting if they are unable to attend the meeting. If an emergency occurs, and a Board member is unable to attend a meeting they were scheduled to attend, they should contact Van Patten or Maguire within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time of the meeting. This should help to prevent long delays starting the Board meeting and help ensure a quorum is met.

- XI. Adjournment. Motion by Russett, seconded by Schmutz that the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Carried. The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Krista Wells, Secretary