

Minutes of the Library Trustees Meeting
Bushnell-Sage Library
September 10, 2021

Present were Pat Levine, Martin Mitsoff, Joan Powers, Deena Caswell and Sig Spiegel.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Pat.

The minutes of July 23, Aug. 11 and Aug. 31 were accepted as written on a motion by Martin, seconded by Pat.

Highlights of the Director's Report:

- Summer programming has wrapped up and Stefanie is excited to plan and execute next year's program from beginning to end.
- The youth services area has been reconfigured with an eye toward widening children's interests and offering a better flow from babies to teens.
- September is Library Card month with incentives provided by local merchants to sign up for a new card or renew an old one.
- Six students from the Railroad Street Youth Project have begun participating in an internship program at the library which includes speakers from many aspects of reading/writing careers.
- Fall programming for adults begins soon. Included are programs about General John Fellows, the Jewish World of Elvis Presley, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Herbal Medicines.
- Deena convened a meeting of community partners interested in supporting the library's efforts to bring the Smithsonian exhibition on the transformation of small towns to Sheffield. Planning for the grant submission is fully underway.
- A call for donations of tools, crafting supplies, etc. to our Library of Things has gone out and a number of donations have already been received.

Regarding fall programing, there was discussion about wearing masks. The motion was made by Pat to require mask-wearing for all indoor programs, seconded by Martin with all in favor.

Sig reported for the Friends that the picnic table has been ordered, is expected to arrive soon and will be assembled by volunteers.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be Oct. 13 at 8:30 am.

Martin moved that we adjourn at 9:18 and Joan seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Powers