

Minutes of the Library Trustees Meeting
Bushnell-Sage Library
October 13, 2021

Present were Pat Levine, Martin Mitsoff, Joan Powers, Deena Caswell and Harold Hastings.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Pat. The minutes of September 10th were accepted as written on a motion by Martin, seconded by Pat.

Some highlights of the Director's Report:

- The Smithsonian grant application has been submitted. We can expect to hear the results sometime this month.
- The state aid report has been submitted.
- There will be a permanent children's art wall in the children's area soon.
- Passive programming for children is being planned for Halloween week.
- December holiday closures were discussed and will be finalized at the next meeting.
- The Farmers' Market is over for the summer. Over 200 people were met and engaged with there and good connections made.
- There is a possibility of an ADA grant that could be used for the accessible path to the playground equipment. Martin will look into getting a quote for the work.
- The RSYF collaboration is coming to an end. It was a good way to begin getting teens into the library and further ways to expand youth outreach will be sought.

Maintenance issues:

- The front door does not fit properly and leaks air into the library. This is on the town maintenance list and hopefully will be fixed or replaced soon.
- The filters in the air cleaners have been in place for a year and are due to be replaced. Martin will see to this.

From the Friends:

Harold suggested that we plan early for some programming/displays for Indigenous Peoples Day next year. Everyone agreed that that was a good idea.

Harold also commented on the welcoming atmosphere the staff have created in the library. With regard to this, Martin suggested that there be a Staff Appreciation event of some kind to recognize their good work. Everyone agreed.

The next meeting was set for November 10th at 8:30. Martin made a motion to adjourn at 9:02. Pat seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Powers