

Minutes of the Library Trustees Meeting
Bushnell-Sage Library
July 14, 2021

Present: Pat Levine, Martin Mitsoff, Joan Powers and Deena Caswell

The meeting was called to order by Pat at 8:33.

A motion was made by Martin, seconded by Pat to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

After discussion, a new logo for the library was chosen and for the first time, a children's logo was chosen as well.

Director's Report:

With the hiring of 2 part time circulation clerks, the library will very soon be back to full time hours. Those hours will reflect a change based on looking closely at patron use throughout the week.

Caitlin has moved on to her new job and Stefanie D'Angelo has taken her place as Children's Library Coordinator. On a motion by Pat, seconded by Martin, a letter of appreciation will be sent to Caitlin who not only served the library well, but facilitated a smooth transition by her replacement.

All staff were evaluated by Deena and found to be working well in their jobs and happy with their positions. All were interested in continuing education opportunities. Deena has already made some recommendations of webinars to staff and is on the lookout for more opportunities.

Five hot spots are coming to the library free of charge from the MBLC for 18 months. During that time we can evaluate patron usage, any coverage issues, etc. to see if we want to pick up the cost ourselves.

The playground has arrived and been installed! We are working on a plan for full accessibility. There will be an official opening and dedication to Pam Bloodworth on July 24th from 11:00-1:00 (with a raindate of July 25th). Light refreshments will be served.

The Wingmasters show which opened the summer reading program was a huge success, as was the library's involvement with the Pride programming.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 11th at 8:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 on a motion by Pat, seconded by Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Powers

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July 23, 2021

Present: Pat Levine, Martin Mitsoff, Joan Powers, Deena Caswell, Harold Hastings, Sig Spiegel

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Pat to discuss the Friends request to create a path from the parking lot to the new playground as part of ADA compliance.

There was general discussion of ADA compliance throughout the Town buildings and outdoor spaces and the need for grant help to comply.

The playground is soon to be more accessible through a ramp and also matting for under the various playground pieces. These are on order, to be installed as soon as they arrive. The ultimate goal is full compliance with ADA.

There followed discussion of the anticipated future uses of the total backyard space including the garden area. Ultimately there was consensus from the group that the best approach was to hold off on the path until a broader assessment is made of the backyard space and its possible future uses so that an integrated plan may be developed and grant money sought to facilitate changes/additions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 on a motion from Harold, seconded by Martin.