Minutes
BLACKSTONE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
November 8, 2021
6:00 p.m.
BLACKSTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1) Opening:
(a) Call to order and roll call - Mary Lou Branchaud, Maryann Dobeck, Lisa Cheever, Kate Renaud, Patti Guzinski, Jean Alexandrowicz and Kelly Gillis
(b) Approved minutes October 4th, 1st Jean Alexandrowicz 2nd Kelly Gillis
(c) Next meeting December 13, 2021
(d) Library Closings: November 11, 2021 Veterans Day, and November 25-27th Thanksgiving
(e) Holiday Closings: December 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1
(f) Next Friend’s Meeting January 18, 2022 @ 6:30pm

2) Finances:
(a) FY21 encumbrances, all have been submitted and paid
(b) Discussion of FY22 budget year to date –
(1) Locked in $1,09 through April with Liberty
(2) Deposit into gift account from Friends of the Library of $1,500 in support of February vacation and other programs
(3) Removing FY21 LSTA Grant from budget worksheet
(c) FY 23 Budget Information and discussion. Meeting with Town Accountant and Town Administrator –
1) Discussed FY23 budget - V5 (longevity included) and V6 (longevity and utilities increase included)
2) Approved V6 $573,411- 1st Kelly Gillis 2nd Jean Alexandrowicz
3) Approved warrant article FY23 – 1st MaryAnn Dobeck 2nd Patti Guzinski
(Director will confirm deadline for submission of warrant articles)

3) Director: Reports and Discussions
(a) Director considering expanding marketing of Brainfuse Statistics to schools and BGCB to increase usage
(b) Grant submitted to Dean Bank for two programs to be presented by Dustin Perry
(c) Discussed Worldband ongoing cost of $334/month through August and FY23 cost of $715/month totaling $8,580/year. Director to gather equivalent service cost from Ayatch Technology Solutions. Quotes will be reviewed with the Board.
(d) Hoopla allowance increased from 5 to 10 a month
(e) Discussed estimate of $13,214.55 for shelving in children and adult space and funding - $10,000 from gift account (honoring donor) and $3060.01
from LIG/MEG Director to fund project - approved 1st Kelly Gillis 2nd Jean Alexandrowicz

4) Trustees: Reports and Discussion:
   (a) Correspondence
   (b) Meeting November 10, 2021, building and maintenance will be addressed at December meeting
   (c) Matters the Chairperson reasonably anticipates to be discussed

5) Old Business:
   (a) Food Bank Collection: Maryann Dobeck
       (A) Food needs discussed
       (B) Box in library to collect goods
       (C) Maryann Dobeck to deliver Tuesday, Kate Renaud to deliver Saturday
   (b) Wreath Workshop & Ribbons and Greens – Sunday, December 28th 11am green cutting at Library
   (c) Trustees Calendar review moved to July
   (d) Policy Manual discussed under Director Report

6) Good and Welfare

7) Adjournment – 1st Kelly Gillis 2nd Kate Alexandrowicz

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Kate Renaud
Co-Secretary Blackstone Public Library Board...