

ATL TRUSTEE MEETING

May 16, 2022

Attendees: Nancy Baker, David Hallenbeck, Mike Enriquez, Liz Larson, Steve Mantius, Toni Dinkel, Amy Lapointe, Lucienne Foulks, Nancy Head, Gretchen Pyles

Special Attendee: Board of Selectman Representative, Danielle Pray

Public meeting called to order at 6:32 pm by Nancy Baker.

Ms. Larson motioned to approve April LBOT meeting notes, Mr. Hallenbeck 2nd - all in favor.

Directors Report:

- **Stats:** Door count continues to rise – approaching normal levels
- **Student Art Show** – 600+ attendees. Souhegan HS did not participate, reducing the total turn out.
- **Programs:**
 - Several on the calendar. Some will be delivered live, others live and virtual. Both modes will be employed moving forward.
- **Personnel:** Two new FTEs to begin March 31, 2022. Approved as negotiated.
 - Library Assistant II: Julie Spokane
 - Head of Youth Services: Sarah Collinge
 - Becky Bolin will continue at ATL with a moderated schedule
 - Lisa Cutter supplemental compensation for youth services coverage will remain until June 30.
- **Friends of the Library:**
 - Trivia night May 5th at LaBelle was a rousing success.
 - Friends Luncheon scheduled for noon, June 3rd.

New Gifts:

- Elizabeth Bruce for Sue Alger: \$50
- Michael & Josephine Greene: \$25
- Marcel & Audrey Strickland: \$20
 - Mr. Mantius motioned to accept gifts, Ms. Larson 2nd, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- Esteemed board member and life-long Amherst Town Library devotee, Treasurer Lucienne Foulks is relinquishing her role on the board as the Foulks family will soon depart Amherst. Thus, her responsibilities as Treasurer will require attention.

- The board intends to accept current Library Board of Trustees alternate member Mr. Mantius as replacement Treasurer pending his appointment to the Library Board of Trustees by the Amherst Board of Selectman. If so appointed, his tenure will last until the next open election for the Library Board of Trustees membership.
- The updated budget was reviewed. The library is operating under budget currently.

Old Business:

- NHTA Conference was attended by Mr. Hallenbeck virtually. The approach to developing a strategic plan was discussed. Mr. Hallenbeck described S.M.A.R.T. goals: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ctionable, **R**elevant, **T**imely.
- Strategic plan continues to be reviewed at large among the board members. To narrow the focus, a three-pronged approach to the production was considered: 1. Public surveys 2. Staff input 3. Board of Trustees input. Ms. Larson, Mr. Hallenbeck & Ms. Head will spearhead this effort.
- The board discussed a patron's suggestion to subscribe to Epoch Times publication. Current newspapers provided was determined to be sufficient.

New Business:

- The Library Board of Trustees intends to welcome Toni Dinkel as an alternate member pending appointment of the Board of Selectman.
- The Boardman Concert plan were discussed. A promising Piano/Cello/Violin trio will be secured, compliments of Ms. Head's due diligence. Sunday, Nov 20th, 7:00 PM is the tentative date/time.

Ms. Foulks motioned to close the meeting, Mr. Mantius 2nd, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm:

The next ATL Trustee Meeting is June 20th, 2022.

Thank you, Lucienne!

Submitted by: Mike Enriquez