

Camden Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of November 17, 2022 meeting via zoom

In Attendance: Penny Abbott, Jennifer Gromada, Ken Gross, Dave Jackson, Elinor Klivans, Nikki Maounis, Alison McKellar, Colin Page, Jeremy Pratt, Sarah Serafini, Kristen Smith, Susan Todd, Natalie Travia, and Marti Wolfe

Absent: Silvio Calabi, John Fitzgerald, Ken Gardiner,

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

-There was no public comment

-The minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously with a show of hands

Director's Report: Nikki Maounis

-Introduced Julia Sagaser, new Program Director

-Projects the giving season will bring in 215K over the course of the fiscal year

-Annual Appeal Theme: Library is a constant; increase in number of appeal letters by 21%

-Millay renewals sent to 40 recipients

-CoC participants received annual appeal and Millay Society information

-Santa will not be coming to the library read, but will continue to read at the Snow Bowl

-Shared slides of Camden Public Library's annual report from 1945

-Jury duty for Nikki Nov. 29 through mid December

Treasurer's Report: Susan Todd

-Finance Committee met to review 2022 full audit; everything is in order, final copy to Board upon completion

-Allen Agency also met with Finance Committee to review CPL Funds, down 15%, rebalancing quarterly

-October 2022 budget looks good

-Hope to raise \$100K in Annual Appeal toward the \$215K annual donation goal

Nominating Committee: Elinor Klivans

-Presented slate of officers for January 2023 election: President, Silvio Calabi;

Vice President, John Fitzgerald or Kristen Smith; Treasurer, Susan Todd; Secretary, Jennifer Gromada

-Interviewed for Board of Trustee positions: Dennis McGuirk, Liz Senders, and Kendra Watkins

Parks: Dave Jackson

-Purchased and will plant three 7 – 8-foot fir trees to fill gaps in Fletcher Steele's "green curtain" at the back

of the Amphitheatre

-Christmas by the Sea dates this year are December 2nd – 4th and include a parade, tree lighting and

caroling by the tree

-Camden Area Business Group contributed the Harbor Park tree and the lights

-Treeworks of Rockport has very generously agreed to erect the tree and string the lights

-Ten weddings under contract or on option so far, target is twenty

Facilities: Ken Gross

-New HVAC working just as it ought to, no problems

-MDEP thinks we have an underground storage tank, Ken will clear up the misunderstanding

-Fireplace is working well

-Planted 100 crocus bulbs in garden

-No leaks during past few rains

Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee: Susan Todd

-Nine members

-Manned table at the polls

-Handout reviewed which shares the gaps to be filled before a recommendation can be made regarding the river

New Business:

-Discussion regarding in person vs. zoom meetings. A blend would suit everybody. Will use the OWL tool for a hybrid meeting in January 2023.

-Susan Todd interviewed with Meaghan Steiman who is studying democracy in a small town. Susan explained the Library's neutral position on the river & dam issue. She also shared the Library Statement on Harbor Park by the Special Committee.

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 4:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marti Wolfe, Secretary