

Camden Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of October 20, 2022 meeting via zoom

In Attendance: Silvio Calabi, Jennifer Gromada, Dave Jackson, Nikki Maounis, Colin Page, Betsy Perry, Jeremy Pratt, Sophie Romano, Sarah Serafini, Kristen Smith, Susan Todd, Natalie Travia, and Marti Wolfe

Absent: Penny Abbott, John Fitzgerald, Ken Gardiner, Ken Gross, Elinor Klivans

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

-There was no public comment

-The minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously with a show of hands

Director's Report: Nikki Maounis

-September has been a quiet month due to construction, business is picking up now

-New Program Director, Julia Sagaser, Smith College graduate: Media and Film, begins in November

-Camden on Canvas dates: Plein-air Friday, July 21, Saturday, July 22, and morning of Sunday, July 23, 2023, Auction and Reception will be held Sunday, July 23, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

-Top 10 most read items in Camden were shared via slides

-No complaints have been received regarding CPL's circulation items, national conflicts related to book bans have not had an impact on CPL at this time

Treasurer's Report: Susan Todd

-25% into the fiscal year

-Development income is down, similar to last year

-November and December is the giving time

-Program income ahead of budget

-Fall HAB raised \$5,400 net, better than expected

-Book sale raised \$8,700 gross, new record

-Discussed fall HAB, stop holding it? different date? decision will be made later in the year

-Expenses are on budget

-CPL fund reflects decrease in the market

-Relying on November and December donations to keep budget balanced

Book Sale: Marti Wolfe

-Need folks to move boxes on Sunday, October 30, 2023, from 9:00 am to 11:00am

-Need folks for unpacking boxes on Monday, October 31st, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

-Raised \$24,500 thus far, \$32,000 is counted on in the budget

-Silvio spoke to the process involved in running the book sale, tremendous amount of work

Facilities: Dave Jackson

-18 weddings this summer

-Final event of season, Downeast Singers concert

-Lawn looking good considering the number of events that took place this summer and fall

-Christmas by the Sea committee meets regularly

-Nikki shared that rain and wind caused leak in her office again, rain with no wind-no leaks

-Electrical work on fans and lamps in Reading Room, replacing shade on original reading lamps

-It was suggested that the electrical box on exterior of Storage Shed be locked

By-Laws Committee Update: Kristen Smith

-Members of committee: Jennifer Gromada, Natalie Travia, Silvio Calabi, Kristen Smith, Nikki Maounis

-Proposed changes include gender neutral language and some clarifying language

Megunticook River Advisory Committee: Susan Todd

-Grant from National Fish and Wildlife Federation is funding the committee work and studies needed to address questions

- Members of the committee represent a cross section of the community
- Process of identifying areas in need of more information, developing by-laws, and writing purpose statement
- Sophie Romana, Select board member, noted that the group will find ways to engage the public
- Packets of information that the committee receives may be viewed on the Town website
- Town of Camden has received the largest grant in the nation from National Fish and Wildlife Federation

New Business

- Camden Town manager alerted Library Trustees of opportunity to attend a Maine Municipal Association seminar, town will cover cost, does not appear to be a topic applicable to library business

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marti Wolfe
Secretary