

Fairfax Community Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

**Call to Order:** 6:32

Present: Emily Bartley, Lisa Griswold / Board Chairperson, Elizabeth Griffin, Ellen Holmes-Henry, Carol Villet,  
Emily DiGuilio / Community Librarian

**Introduction of new board member**

Welcome to our newest Board member: Ashley Bartley

**Approval of Minutes from January 21,2021 meeting**

**Treasurers Report:**

Checking \$ 665.02  
Savings \$1538.01  
Early Literacy \$1100,78  
CD \$5281.99

**Expenditures:**

\$45.33 / thank you gift for Pat Gallant upon her retirement  
Of note: The town budget passed therefore the library's budget did also.  
The CD's up for renewal in early May interest rate is still the same.  
The motion was passed to renew it for 6 months.

The summer reading program looks to be similar to last year's.  
With money coming from a \$200 grant from the department of libraries and the library budget.

**Election of Officers:**

Chair: Lisa Griswold, Secretary: Ashley Bartley, Treasurer: Carol Vallett

**Updates:**

Highlights from our library since the last meeting:

We continue to be busy with curbside pick-up. Averaging 17-25 requests each time, and 4-8 visitors / 20 minute appointments per week.

Elizabeth has been presenting great programs via zoom for children, older children no sew pillows, marble run, a knitting group on Saturdays, kids 8 session yoga program and an adult book club. Sign up 's when necessary have been via Eventbright.

Joy and Emily attended a virtual Fairfax Neighbors for Racial Equity (FNRE) meeting in February. They discussed a Community Read-Aloud program and FNRE reached out to people in their group about reading picture books with diverse

characters or themes. They hope to schedule and start in late spring for a 8 week schedule of virtual read-alouds.

The library applied for a grant for \$1500 through the VT dept. of libraries for technology projects and improvements. The grant will be used to improve public internet access at the library and was provided by the Vermont Community Foundation as part of funds from the VT COVID-19 Response Fund.

Emily was able to arrange for both her and Elizabeth to receive their first vaccine shots via the school.

Emily's in the midst of the "Welcome Baby Book Program" and there are 11 families who are choosing their top three books.

And in honor of this year's graduating seniors Joy, Nicole and Emily have collected the book's in the library which were dedicated to them 18 years ago and they will receive them as a gift from the library.

**Early Literacy Program:**

We've received our first donation from Nicole. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase was 20/21 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase is starting now. Liz, Elizabeth and Emily met with the sponsor of our Early Literacy Program in early February to go over how it's going and there is the possibility of another monetary donation. We are looking to reach pre-schools, day cares and individuals with an age range of 3-5 (with some wiggle room). Emily's working with Scholastic Books which has great price on getting 100 copies in paperback.

**New Business:**

Looking ahead: Summer Programs and Schedules  
Carol and Emily will sit down and go over the budget.  
Schedules? Moving forward as we can.

The next Joint Board meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup>  
Future Board Meetings: May 20<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>

**Other:**

Emily and Elizabeth met for her evaluation  
Emily will be graduating with her Master's in Library Sciences on May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Emily has received 2 notes with money. One was in appreciation of being able to access interlibrary loan for \$20 and the other was because they felt so badly their books were so overdue for \$40.

**Adjourn:** 7:22

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen Holmes-Henry  
Secretary  
Fairfax Community Library Trustees