Bancroft Memorial Library

Board of Library Trustees

Minutes: November 17, 2021

Present: Nancy Verdolino, Chair, Christine Seaver, Frederick Oldfield III, Secretary, Tricia Perry, Library Director.

Guest: Marie Riddell

Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes from October 12, 2021 and November 4, 2021.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes for October 12, 2021 with corrections.

Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes for November 4,2021.

Welcome Tricia Perry as our new Library Director.

Director’s Report:

- Roof repair-no additional work and have not heard back  regarding the recent leaks.  Could it be the copper area?

-Leaf guards for gutters?  There was a flood inside the girls’ bathroom downstairs last week.  Chris Seaver cleared the gutters.

-Met with staff-Reader Advisory Service

-Highlighting Wowbrary-going to make it more personalized. Nancy asked about placing holds through Wowbrary.

-Budget: 43% of total budget used at this point in time.

-Bibliotemp invoices have been submitted for payment using state aid funds. One more invoice left.

Library Action Plan FY23 (July 2022-June 2023)

-What is our vision moving forward for the Bancroft Memorial Library?

-Building and furnishings.

-Preservation of the Statue of Hope

-Expanding Library Skills and Fostering Literacy. This will be submitted to the Board of Library Commissioners. Nancy signed off on it on December 1, 2021. Tricia will look into grants.

Current Trustee Chair, Nancy Verdolino will be stepping down in December.  She is in the first year of her new term.

Discussion on Staff Holiday Party/Dinner.  Staff prefers not to have a sit down dinner this year.

Trustees will donate a raffle basket for the Winter Stroll.

Next Trustee meeting will be held on December 14, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m.

Deep clean-quotes from 3 vendors have been requested. Two quotes received so far.

Little Free Library has been installed thanks to the Girl Scouts.

Tricia will be installing a Story Walk - “The Mitten”- which will lead children to the Little Library. Looking to have this once a month.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick G.Oldfield III

Secretary