

TPL Board Minutes June 5th, 2023, 5:00pm

Officers	Board and Others	Board and Others
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Bosworth-Pres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Carter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrie Brezzo (Guest)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Marie Finnegan	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Hamlin-Sec	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia (Trish) Smith	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caroline Ward-Nesbit - Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harold Willey	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Barstow		
Time IN 5:00 pm	Time OUT: X:xx pm	Results / Action and
Discussion – Both in person and Zoom meeting		Follow Up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Agenda: - NNTR (Nothing New to Report) - None • Approve April 11th Minutes – Admin • Librarian’s Report – June 5th <p>Ongoing Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Monthly Book Clubs – Mystery (1st Thursday), Pop-Up (3rd Thursday), and Intergenerational (2nd Tuesday) • Bi-monthly Let’s Talk About It Book Club • Crafter’s Club – 2nd & 4th Fridays • TPL Poets’ Corner – moved to 2nd & 4th Mondays, much improved attendance • Communi-TEA – 3rd Friday • Senior Exercise Class – cost now officially shared 50/50 with the rec department! • Relunched Family Movie & Pizza Nights for the 1st Friday of the month in the gym • Weekly Take-Home Projects, themed to match storytime • Saturday Storytimes gaining traction <p>Recent Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author talks with Elizabeth Garber, Laura Bonazzoli, Jodi Paloni, Bill Roorbach, and Mac Smith • Unknown Poets Showcase <p>Upcoming Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, June 17, 11 AM – Chewonki, Tide Pools presentation • Wednesday, July 12, 6 PM – Barbara Ross, author of the Maine Clambake Mysteries • Sunday, August 26, 4 PM (in Cushing) – Musician Marc Black, songs of the 50s and 60s • 40 Days of Summer starts June 26! <p>Possible Programs (in the works):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prose writing group • Health Equity Book Group with Knox Clinic • Board Game Night • Movie Nights for grown-ups, with themed food • Lots of other ideas from strategic planning – more to come! 		<p>Motion to approve the April minutes Pat/Harold Unanimous</p>

Grant Activity

- Just recently been awarded a \$20,000 grant from ALA aimed at increasing accessibility in the library
 - Next step is a community conversation with people with physical disabilities and mobility issues later this month
 - Current plan is to renovate the entryway with automatic doors, but ALA is encouraging us to change our plan is another, more important need is identified during the community conversation
 - Will need to coordinate with town over elevator repair if entryway renovation plan goes ahead

- In the process of applying for a Maine DECD/State Library Remote Work Through Libraries grant.
 - Grant submitted May 31, awaiting final decision
 - Purpose of this initiative is to support Maine's remote workers, and the state library has encouraged us to consider this broadly.
 - Applying for \$100,000 (the max amount) to hopefully fund some of the electrical and HVAC (emphasis on the ventilation) work that needs to be done in the building (to make the building comfortable and safe for remote workers), as well as furniture and some technology to help make our conference room usable as a co-working space
 - Initial proposal has made it through the first round, and I am cautiously optimistic – we are one of 16 applications they are considering, and they expect to fund 10 or 12
 - The grant will hinge on us having a space that can be used for meetings and co-working, and the town has informed us they will not be renewing our lease for the conference room in anticipation of turning this portion of the 2nd floor into a pre-K.
 - Need to work with the town and the Academy to figure out if we can use another space on the 2nd floor, and determine if we need to use grant funds to secure rent for the next three years (the length of the grant project), which would reduce available funds for building improvements.

 - Conference Room Usage: April:
 - Book clubs (3-4/month)
 - Poets' Corner (2/month)
 - Academy Board meeting
 - Knox Clinic Community Conversations
 - 2 days of strategic planning
 - Typically 2 or 3 unplanned uses/week by patrons for tutoring, job interviews, remote work, exams, etc

Budget

FY 23: Looking good, expecting to come in slightly under budget overall

FY 24: Please vote to approve our municipal appropriation next week!

- **Fundraiser** – Saturday June 10th – Family Event at Noon - \$10 Donations, max \$30 per family.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Endowment Results – Greg – None Received i.e. NNTR • Update on Strategic Planning – Happen as planned so working on new follow up date. Will include the plan with these minutes. • Update on Annual Appeal - Has not changed significantly at \$10,507 • Update on discussions about childcare in Thomaston – Hiring a women to help with the planning. RSU13 may have a Pre-K program by the next spring. • Welcome new Board Member: Patricia Carter • Other: 	
<p>Comments, Questions, Concerns, Problems, or Praise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment at X:xx pm • The Next Meeting is Aug 7th, 2023, at 5pm 	<p>Motion to adjourn – Pat/Harold – Folks hung up or voted with their feet</p>

Respectfully Submitted, Greg Hamlin, Secretary