

**Wellesley Free Library
Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Monday May 3, 2021
10:00 AM
Online Remote Meeting**

Present: Marla Robinson, Chair; Ann Howley, Vice Chair; Ann Rappaport, Secretary; Maura Murphy, Diane Savage, Linshi Li, Trustees; Jamie Jurgensen, Library Director; Cara Rothman, Assistant Director.

Also Present: Kara Reinhardt Block, Wellesley Free Library Foundation; Barbara Marx, Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:02 A.M.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

ITEMS

1. Trustee Appointment

- Jamie and the Trustees welcomed Linshi as the new Library Trustee.

2. Minutes

- Diane moved (Ann R. seconded) to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021.
The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the minutes as presented.
- Ann R. moved (Ann H. seconded) to approve the minutes of April 15, 2021.
The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the minutes as presented.
- Ann H. moved (Ann R. seconded) to approve the minutes of April 27, 2021.
The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

3. Director's Report

- The movers completed packing and clearing out the Children's Room in the Main Library and the roofers began work today.
- The Hills and Fells Branches, as well as the Temporary Main at 50 Central Street, are open for express browsing, holds pick up and reference assistance. Masks are required and capacity limits are in place at each location.
- Jamie thanked all staff for their effort during this transition. She gave a special thank you to Mike Groh and the FMD team for going above and beyond to close the Main Library, reopen the Hills and Fells Branches and set up the Temporary Main. In

addition, Jamie also thanked Carol Richards and the IT team for making a seamless transition to the Branches and Temporary Main, enabling continued work from home.

- The library's FY22 budget was approved at Town Meeting.

4. Friends and Foundation Updates

- **Friends:** Barbara reported the Friend welcomed two new board members and fifty new members. Between memberships, pop-up book sale, the on-going book sale and outdoor book sales, the Friends were able to remain successful in raising funds throughout the pandemic. The Friends submitted an application to the Town of Wellesley for a Boston Marathon bib with Cara Rothman as their volunteer runner. Marla thanked Barbara and the Friends for their dedication and unceasing hard work.
- **Foundation:** Kara reported on a successful donor event fostering great excitement around the renovation. The Foundation's Impact Report will soon go out to 8,600 Wellesley homes.

5. Naming Agreements

- This item is deferred to the June Trustees meeting.

6. Friends Request FY22

- Cara presented the Friends request for FY22. The request focuses on programming for children and adults for when the Main Library reopens in the fall after renovation. The museum pass request was reduced this year, but additional funding may become available from the Friends as museums reopen and the pandemic recedes.
- Ann R. moved (Diane seconded) to approve the FY22 Friends Request. The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the motion.

7. Juneteenth

- Massachusetts is recognizing Juneteenth, June 19, as a state holiday. In preparation for the Town of Wellesley's decision on adding this town-wide holiday, the Trustees discussed how this would affect the library's holiday schedule.
- Ann H. moved (Diane seconded) to approve June 19, 2021 as a library holiday, subject to the outcome of 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the motion.

8. Renovation Update

- The wooden feature wall in the Commons was redesigned because the original wall did not fit with the current flooring choices. Because the new wall feature is more expensive than the original selection, the Trustees reached a consensus to utilize State Aid funds to cover this cost differential.
- Marla and Jamie met with PBC and reached an agreement that the new aquarium will be paid through the Director's Fund and then reimbursed by PBC.

9. Town Election Room Reservations

- The Trustees reached a consensus to allow the use of the Wakelin Room for the December 7, 2021 and March 1, 2022 elections as a voting location for precinct G.

10. SXSW Conference

- Because of the pandemic, the two registrations for SXSW were deferred to 2022 and 2023. Cara will attend in March 2022 and Jamie will attend in March 2023.
- Diane moved (Ann R. seconded) to approve the use of \$3,500 from Centennial Reynolds Fund to cover lodging and airfare expenses. The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the motion.

11. Chair & Committee Reports

- Marla and Jamie attended PBC and ZBA meetings to monitor the parking and safety aspects of the Hunnewell School project.
- The FY22 Foundation request was submitted for review.

ADJOURNMENT

Ann R. moved (Ann H. seconded) to adjourn. The Trustees, polled individually, unanimously approved the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 A.M. The next regular meeting is June 14, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Rappaport, Secretary, WFL Board of Trustees

Date: _____

LIST of DOCUMENTS

1. Minutes April 5,
2. Minutes April 15
3. Minutes April 27
4. Naming Agreement
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6. Friends Request FY22
7. Town Election Room Reservations

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