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Library Board of Trustees
Edgartown Public Library
26 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, MA
MINUTES

Meeting of Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022

Held in the library's Foster Room

Julie Lively called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Trustees in attendance: Olga Church, David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Maggie Morrison, Denise Searle

Absences: none

Guests: Lisa Sherman, Library Director; David Ignacio, president of the Friends

Review of Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the August, 2022 meeting.

MOTION: Olga Church, **SECOND:** David Faber

ACTION: Unanimous

Friends Report: The Trustees received David Ignacio's report from the Friends' recent meeting, and thanked him for it. He said the Friends have received helpful instruction from Rizwan Malik on moving the organization's important files into the cloud, and that with active members of the group moving to their off-Island homes in the months ahead, the Friends plan to meet online in the months ahead. Sales of the "vintage" library cards have begun, a project which benefits the Friends, and the group is working to organize a "Trunk Treasures" community sale in the Library parking lot on Sunday, Oct. 30.

The Friends organization has been the conduit for funds received from the Vineyard Rotary Club, which children's librarian Elyce Retmier has been using to acquire school materials for middle-schoolers across the Island. Lisa noted that after seeing the powerful response to this program, the Rotary Club recently doubled its contribution.

Director's Report: Lisa Sherman, Library Director

- Lisa reported that foot traffic into the library continued to increase in August, reaching a total of 7,862 for the month – up by more than a thousand from July
- Lisa shared a draft of revisions to the library's policy on use of meeting rooms for approval by the Trustees. She explained that it's important to have a robust, well thought-out policy to support her because there's such intense demand for use of the Library's spaces.

MOTION: to approve the policy as written.

MOVED: Nis Kildegaard; **SECONDED:** David Faber

ACTION: Unanimous

- Lisa reported on her communications with the family of the late Arthur and Nancy Young, who would like to make a memorial donation to the library toward its landscaping project. A conversation ensued about the complications around naming a space – and Lisa agreed to pursue her talks with the family further.
- Building updates: Lisa said that outstanding building maintenance issues include the interior door lock (part has been ordered); the leak in the basement utility room; failing light bulbs in overhanging lamps in the Children’s Room; loose window cabling on the second floor; a loose banister at the top of the stairs; paint deterioration on the south-facing exterior of the building. The status of the smaller electrical box on the front lawn is still undetermined – this is something she wants to understand as the landscaping project continues to take shape.
- Landscaping project: Lisa and the members of the landscaping subcommittee agreed to meet – with the designer, Dharshini Joseph, if possible – at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29.
- Lisa read from a thick stack of notes from the “Happy Notes” comment box, which reminded the Trustees just how beloved an institution the Library is.

Fundraising/Gifts Received:

- **MOTION:** To accept \$1,500 from the Friends, \$100 from Gwynneth Smith, and a watercolor painting by Julius Dubus from donor Russell DuPree.

MOTION: Nis Kildegaard, **SECOND:** Olga Church

ACTION: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022 – in person at the library, beginning at 4 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*