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

Meeting of Thursday, July 8, 2021

Meeting attendance by remote participation only due to Covid-19.

**Meeting called to order by Justine DeOliveira:** 3:06 PM

**Trustees in attendance:** David Faber, Julie Lively, Denise Searle, Justine DeOliveira, Nis Kildegaard, Olga Church

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

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the June 10, 2021 meeting.

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

**ACTION:** Unanimous

**Friends Report:** David Ignacio, President, Friends of the Edgartown Library

- The annual and regular monthly meetings of the Friends were held on June 17, and the organization's regular July meeting was held July 1. David said the core group of members who attend meetings and volunteer numbers about a dozen.
- David reported that this year's appeal letter brought in approximately \$12,000, an improvement of 30 percent over the previous year. For the year as a whole, the Friends raised about \$25,000 versus \$32,000 the year before – the decline attributable mainly to a \$12,000 gift the Friends received the year before, in support of the Margot Datz mural project. On the balance sheet, the Friends started this year with about \$80,000 in assets and now has about \$90,000.
- The Dolly Parton Imagination Library project has begun, with 23 children now enrolled.
- The Friends organization has joined the Edgartown Board of Trade, and hopes to make valuable connections there.
- Close to \$6,000 has been raised for the Herb and Anita Foster Education Fund.
- The Friends group was a sponsor of the annual Frederick Douglass speech again this year at the Federated Church.
- A new Development Committee has been formed, working with Nan Jeffries, who is experienced in this field.
- David confirmed that the Friends and Virginia will hold a fundraiser and book reading with Tom Dresser on his newly published booklet, "Schlepping Around Martha's Vineyard," on Wednesday, July 28, with a rain date of Friday, July 30.

- The Friends' next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 5. Nis Kildegaard volunteered to be the Trustees' representative/liaison to the Friends group.

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director

- FY21 Budget Report: Lisa said the library has just one more warrant to file with the town before closing the books on the fiscal year just past. She said that the library will be turning some \$75,000 back to the town from the payroll budget, because of positions that went unfilled during the pandemic year.
- Phased reopening of the Library building continues: Lisa reviewed the current building opening status – the main building is open now from 10 am-5pm every open day, and by appointment in the Children's Room. The number of available appointments in the Children's Room has been adjusted, she said, and the library staff seems to be settling into a comfortable rhythm as the reopening process advances. The public seems genuinely to appreciate the expanded access to the library, she said.
- As the fiscal year ended, Lisa estimated the library spent between \$40,000 and \$50,000 from its materials budget on digital materials through the Overdrive service.
- The library also will have about \$3,500 unspent in its operating budget for the year just ended – see discussion below on resolution of building leak issues.
- Lisa had no significant progress to report on the Herb Foster plaque project, the utility pole issue, the water fountain replacement or the repair of the interior vestibule bar lock.
- The director and trustees discussed the issue of mandating masks inside the library as the summer goes ahead. This is a moving target, all agreed, and Lisa was encouraged to keep in dialogue with town and school officials to coordinate policies as they evolve. "I just want whatever we're doing to be consistent with whatever they're doing in town hall and other municipal buildings," Lisa said.
- Lisa shared a proposal from the engineering firm of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger to undertake a preliminary investigation into causes of the library's leaking roof. Lisa said it may be possible to designate the \$3,500 remaining in the library's operating budget for the year just ended to pay for this work; she'll investigate this.

**VOTE:** To engage SGH for the preliminary study of library roof leak issues as outlined, at an estimated cost of \$3,500.

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

**ACTION:** Unanimous

**Library Landscaping Committee Report:**

- Lisa reported that committee is preparing to send a proposal out to four designers for the grounds landscaping project.

**Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

- **MOTION:** To accept \$1,000 from the Friends

**MOTION:** Julie Lively, **SECOND:** Denise Searle  
**ACTION:** Unanimous

**New Business:**

- None

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, August 12 @ 3pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 3:50 PM

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Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary