

Freeport Community Library
10 Library Drive
Freeport, ME 04032

February 7, 2023
Library Sunporch
6:00 PM

Courtney Sparks – Library Director
Kim Swett – Library Board Chairperson
Mary Gallie – Library Board Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Jeffrey – Library Board Secretary

AGENDA FOR FREEPORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Present: Courtney Sparks, Kim Swett, Mary Gallie, Darryl Uy, Andrew McDonnell, Leslie Hallock, Jennifer Jeffrey, Kathryn Maicher, Steve Thomas
Excused: Sally Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

A. Approval of January 2023 Minutes - approved

B. Welcome to our new Board member - Steve Thomas

C. Director's Report

- The library did really well in January with circulation up significantly. The overall door count is good and downloadable audiobook loans are huge.
- The library would like to buy more hotspots because they are so popular.
- The first redesign committee meeting is on Monday. They identified challenges and talked about sound, lighting, etc.
- There was a grant submitted last week to Davis Family Foundation by the Friends of FCL. The library and RSU5 Community Programs asked for two years of funding for an afterschool enrichment program for middle schoolers. They expect to hear back in early March. The grant will be for a Coordinator to program planning (everything free for kids). They would like the program to be three times a week with the library being the hub.
- Library of Things: Courtney provided a list to the Trustees of the first phase of items available to borrow as part of the program. This will be a spring rollout (April ideally).

D. Strategic Plan Update

- By Spring, the library hopes to establish a Staff Committee for building redesign.
- Signage and soundproofing - will be rolled into Building Redesign Committee.
- Newsletters are reaching 730 active subscribers.
- Targeted employee training has been ongoing with an intersectionality conversation with staff and a diversity and inclusion class.

E. Library Aesthetics

-Chair for kid's room: Courtney picked one out from the library store. Board voted in favor of adding \$500 to the original chair budget of \$1,000.

-The sunroom wall painting is complete. A few Board members will get together to discuss artwork in the sunroom.

F. Board Appointments – March renewals

-Mary and Andrew are up for reappointment and they will let Kim know before next meeting if they want to continue on the Board. Sally is also due for reappointment and Kim will reach out to her directly.

G. Open Discussion – nothing noted.

H. Adjourn at 7:03pm.

Next meeting: March 7, 2023