

Freeport Community Library
10 Library Drive
Freeport, ME 04032

June 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 OF TRUSTEES

Present: Kim Swett, Jennifer Jeffrey, Courtney Sparks, Darryl Uy, Kathryn Maicher, Steve Thomas, Donna Rice

Absent: Mary Gallie, Leslie Hallock, Sally Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm.

A. Approval of May 2023 Minutes - approved

B. Director's Report

- As of this month the library is up 30% from the door count from last year.
- Digital services: ebooks and audiobooks are taking off.
- Next friends meeting: they are talking about adding Boston science museum passes in the near future.
- Last month, there was a domestic abuse panel at the library. There was over 65 attendees and people thought it was very impactful and the library staff said the group was great to work with.
- The summer reading programs are starting on Monday.
- The volunteer brunch is being held on June 23 at 10-11am.
- Courtney presented at MLA conference for directors on how to have hard conversations with your staff.
- Next year Courtney will be talking to the new town manager to see if they can have all staff attend MLA conference.
- There was a 1st amendment audit where someone walked in filming on Facebook Live to prove that they can get the correct access to public areas. Courtney has told the staff not to engage so the person took the video and then left with no issues.
- There was 1 formal book challenge this month. A formal letter was given to library for A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo (kids book). The letter claimed that the initial issue was that the book was pushing a social agenda. Courtney gave the person the library policy. She also read the book and decided it was entirely appropriate for the kids collection.

Courtney wrote a letter back explaining everything and the book is still in the kid's circulation.

- Council meeting last night: the requests were granted except for 2nd staff position.

C. Financial considerations

- a. Staff training: currently have \$1,000 for staff training for the year. The library spent \$1,400 training this year so they would like to get \$1k from the board to make it \$2k as a budget. The board approved giving \$1k for library staff training in addition to the \$1,000 already in budget.
- b. Library gardens: Last fall and this spring the library spent \$2,300 for maintenance. The monarch garden paid for by a donation but needs to have maintenance done this year.
- c. Other Library maintenance needs: The library could use some help to update things inside the building. The board will think about what we would like to help with over the summer.

D. Summer homework

- a. The board should think about how to appreciate staff/ other needs/ gardens.
- b. Everyone should try a program or service at the library at least once during the summer and report back in September.

E. Open discussion

- Katie will replace Jenn as secretary – board approved.
- Darryl will replace Kim as library board chairperson – board approved.

F. Adjourn @ 6:50pm

Next meeting: September 6, 2023