

RACHEL KOHL COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

September 21, 2020 Public Meeting 6:30pm teleconference

Present: Susan Sternberg, Derek Lloyd (acting secretary), Mary Alice Peeling, Jean Mackenzie, Randy Ehman, Jen Panaro, Saleem Shaik, Brian Doherty, Greg Chestnut

1. Call to Order: 6:33pm, this meeting will be recorded. Greg Chestnut begins the meeting since Jean was having an issue logging into the meeting.

2. Public Comment

- Marta Driscoll thanks the library board for considering the ballot box, 458a Lenni Road
- Susan summarizes 12 emails from citizens commenting on the ballot box issue. She lists the names of the 12, one is a repeat of Marta who spoke. All emails wrote in support of the ballot box. Reasons given included mistrust of post office and fear of Covid-19.

3. Delco Board of Election, before this issue begins, Jean takes over control of the meeting.

- Jean reads the motion to accept the ballot box. Greg seconds the motion. Discussion begins.
- The board president is authorized to amend the agreement if approved.
- Discussion includes Thornburry's upcoming vote.
- Chester Heights expressed interest in having the library hosting the box since they are unable, due to not owning their building.
- Randy spoke about his discussions with the Concord supervisors. Saleem spoke about his conversation with the Concord supervisors.
- A discussion of the location of the ballot box occurs.

Vote Roll Call:

Derek – Aye

Mary – Aye

Brian – Nay

Greg – Aye

Randy – Nay

Saleem – Aye

Jen – Aye

Jean – Aye

Motion passes 6 to 2.

Susan expresses her appreciation with the way we have treated each other on the board.

4. Director's Report: Susan Sternberg.

- Question on when the library will open to the public. Susan says that things are going well and they she will talk to the staff in two to three weeks. Suspicious that even when the library opens for more hours, the amount of curbside pickup will not decrease and that will create a challenging work load.
- Greg asks about the possibility of self service; which Susan expresses she thinks would be challenging and not work well.

5. Facilities: No update.

6. Friends Update: They have met recently. Frank coming up on two years as president. He expresses an interest in more 1 on 1 communication to define the role of the friends on the upcoming years.

7. Minutes: The minutes were unanimously approved.

8. Treasurer's Report: Jen Panaro.

- Question as to whether there is any impact yet from cutbacks due to county cuts. No detail information yet on how this will affect the library, but the library is in a better financial spot now than in previous years.
- We should start considering the annual fund drive.
- Report approved unanimously.

9. DCL: Next meeting, October 1, Jean will dial in.

10. Communications and Announcements: nothing to report

11. Committee Reports:

Randy talks about reaching out to the Development Counsel.

12. Old Business

- Water alarm to be installed.
- Board terms. Greg Chestnut's term is coming to an end; a replacement needs to be found from Chester Heights.
- Jean's term is coming to an end and Thornberry looks to re-appoint her.
- Sign repair being looked into by an Eagle Scout. Likely not until spring. Sign company going to work with the scout.
- Do we need a different type of light on the pole above the ballot box? Possibly all of the lighting. There is continuing problem with the electricity where some lights remain on all day and others do not. Estimates are coming in on replacement, RPM is doing that work.

13. New Business:

Should we rent the room to the board of elections is in question. Jean read the requirements of the BOE so that the board knows what is being asked. After some discussion around the requests and issues, it was determined no vote will be held tonight, but rather more information will be gathered regarding the requirements.

13. Adjourn: 7:28pm

NEXT RKCL BOARD MEETING – October 26, 2020, 6:30 PM