

FINAL

DUBLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM MARCH 9, 2022 (ZOOM)

Attending: N. Cayford (Chair), C. Cerroni, B. Haire, J. Rizzo, B. Walker, M. Hulslander, R. Lovett (Director), Linda Abram (Alternate). **Regrets:** B. Gurney, J. Finnegan

Election of officers:

Nancy Cayford nominated for Chair by C. Cerroni, seconded by B. Walker, motion passed
Beth Walker nominated for Vice Chair by N. Cayford, seconded by M. Hulslander, motion passed
Julie Rizzo nominated for Secretary by N. Cayford, seconded by B. Haire, motion passed
Bill Gurney nominated for Treasurer and chair of Buildings and Grounds - not present, tabled for future meeting.
Linda Abram nominated for Alternate Trustee by C. Cerroni, seconded by B. Walker, motion passed.
Chris Sprague nominated for Alternate Trustee - not present, tabled for future meeting.

Minutes of February 9, 2022: Under New Business, Correct/add information about Celeste Snitko and Gail Bartlett's service as Trustees: "Celeste was appointed an alternate in July 2015, followed by six years of elected Trustee; she was Chair for three years. Gail served as Trustee for nine years and was secretary for seven years." Also, under Strategic Planning report, change the word "March" to "future" Dublin Advocate. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as corrected (Members who made and seconded the motion were not recorded). Motion accepted.

Gifts: New Library café is open, with table and 4 chairs donated by N. Cayford, and Keurig coffee machine donated by G. Bartlett. Games and STEM items donated by Joanne Regan. Volunteers donated time to move paintings in the Library. Checks received in memory of Mary Edick (current total of \$1385) for children's programming and materials. Motion made to accept gifts by C. Cerroni, seconded by J. Rizzo, motion passed.

Announcements: Whiteboard installed on wall in Program Room by N. Cayford, K. Colantino, B. Haire, C. Gunner and R. Lovett. Material did not adhere, and fell off the following day. Re-installed, but material is damaged. Director has tried to contact company but they have not returned call. (Purchase was made approximately a year ago, but only now installed.)

Books for collection in honor of retiring/recently retired Trustees – N. Cayford sent letters to honorees (J. Holmes, C. Snitko, B. Goodwin, M. Smith, G. Bartlett, A. Knight) asking for selections.

Meet the Candidates event (3/5) with Friends of Library – Event went well. 50+ people attended, candidates spoke to participants. N. Cayford will send thank you's for food donations.

Reminder from NHTLA – the Library Board functions as a group. No member has more or less authority than another.

Director's Report: Mask policy will change in light of statewide guidance. Staff will continue to be required to mask, but it will be "highly recommended" (not required) for patrons, including children. Will continue to post signs that say "Please wear a mask." We may require masks for large indoor gatherings in April, depending on covid statistics.

Erin Moulton from Ancestry.com is coming in April to show attendees how to use the Ancestry tools in our library. Local resident Chris Gallagher is interested in doing a program on genealogy at a future date.

Children's programs are back on in person.

Director is starting to work on Summer programs.

J. Rizzo will send a letter to family of Mary Edick, thanking them and listing the memorial donors so far (no amounts). C. Cerroni offered to try to get a photo of Mary Edick, to put together a memorial display in the café area.

Financial Report: None

Building and Grounds: None

Strategic Planning: J. Rizzo reported that subcommittee has begun drafting strategic goals that emerge from feedback received from 115 survey respondents. ALA Center for Future of Library Trends were reviewed for additional input. In particular, trend toward "Connected Learning" was noted – where communities coordinate among multiple community groups to address relevant issues and learning opportunities. Rizzo asked trustees to think about how DPL might connect with Community Center, churches, schools, Historical Society, Archives to create linked programs. Subcommittee expects to submit draft goals to Board soon.

ALA webinar, Freedom to Read, by the Texas Library Assoc. 2/24/2022: B. Haire reported on roundtable of teachers, library staff, legislators, students, authors discussing topic of censorship. Takeaway – DPL should review our collection development and reconsideration policies, prepare staff to explain them, and know what to do in the event of a challenge. Director confirmed that we do have these policies, and will review them.

Old Business:

Charging Station is installed, and N. Cayford will notify the family of the trust that funded it.

Coffee station is open on the mornings the Library is open.

Volunteer policy – continued discussion of need for background checks for adult and teen volunteers. Concern raised about need for background checks on any volunteer working with children. Vote on motion tabled until more information about what other similar libraries are doing, and whether a reference form for teens would suffice to limit liability in the event of an issue.

New Business:

Motion made to rename Multi-Purpose Meeting Room to Program Room by M. Hulslander, seconded by N. Cayford, motion passed.

Changes in wording on Library policies: Motion made by J. Rizzo, seconded by C. Cerroni to accept the following changes to the listed policies:

- Remove the words "pay a penalty" from the Use/Restrictions policy
- Add the words "stand outside 20 feet from the entrance of the library" to the Tobacco Products/Smoking policy.

- Add the words to the Dog Policy: "For the comfort/safety of patrons and staff, dogs are not allowed in the Library. Only service dogs are allowed, and educational programs with animals are at the discretion of the Director."

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn: Motion made by J. Rizzo; seconded by C. Cerroni to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM.
Motion accepted.

Next meeting: April 13, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rizzo, Secretary