

## **Holliston Board of Library Trustees Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting November 2, 2022**

**Members present by roll call:** Karla Alfred, Nancy Baron, Kara Peterson, Gwyneth Swain, Mareoun Bo Yai

**Staff present:** Deric Wilson, director; Tammy Page, Jen Keen, Dora

Karla Alfred called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Karla read the statement regarding the suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law and the authorized use or remote participation. She noted that a roll call of attendance will be taken; that all votes during the meeting will be by roll call (to satisfy the legalities of teleconferencing), and that any motions, seconds, or discussion should be preceded by the member's announcing their name.

### **Approval of minutes from October 19, 2022**

- Amend to change the date from June 29 to October 19, clarify that Town Administrator explained feasibility study/grant purposes at Town Meeting to concerned citizen, correct OneBookOneHolliston book title to "Travels with George"
- Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Gwyneth, seconded by Kara, and passed unanimously

### **Director's Report**

- Programs
  - Virtual author talks
    - Kate Quinn virtual author talk had 22 registered participants (great number!)
    - 35 registered for November talks
    - Deric is in contact with HCAT and Holliston Reporter to increase promotion of talks
    - Deric will also contact Senior Center to discuss streaming the talks for seniors, though all talks will be streamed at the Library if they occur during library hours
  - Dungeons and Dragons sessions have been popular, especially with younger demographic
  - OneBookOneHolliston

- Nathaniel Philbrook (author of “Travels with George”) has been contacted about his speaker’s fee and there is a patron who is willing to cover whatever part of the fee the Friends can’t pay
  - The Historical Society will be hosting the program
- Feasibility Study
  - James Keast (facilities manager) helping with wording/search, Deric will talk to him and draft overall wants/needs and bring back to next meeting
  - What outcomes are we looking for? We want to be sure we’re prepared for the grant cycle and are mindful of those who want the library to stay where it is and those who want more space
- Sustainability Grant
  - New England Association for Rural and Small Libraries is offering a grant of up to \$15,000 for enhanced sustainability in libraries
    - “Library of Things” one option but too hard because of lack of space and what “things” to purchase
      - Deric will ask staff about ideas of what “things” in case the opportunity for “Library of Things” arise in the future
    - Trustees agree that requesting the grant for use installing a heat pump or restoring the historic Carnegie windows is the best use of potential grant money at this time
    - Nancy motioned that Deric confer with James in applying for the grant and Deric to write the grant to request funding to either restore the historic Carnegie windows or to install a heat pump based on his discussion with James. Seconded by Karla, passed unanimously

### **Thanksgiving weekend hours**

- The library will be closed Thanksgiving and Friday
- Open 10-2 on Saturday (staff requested to work)

### **Other Business**

- Karla voiced patrons’ concerns over lack of new/best seller books and wants to ensure patrons’ wants/needs for new bestsellers are being met and purchasing is not just new collections/programs
- There is no townwide scheduling program, so Deric uses Google doc to schedule staff, which staff are adjusting to

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Gwyneth seconded, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

Next scheduled meeting: December 7, 2022;      submitted by Kara Peterson