

Brooksville Library Board
Minutes, Jan. 24, 2023

In attendance:

Jen, Josie, Joanne, Joanna, Brook, Polly, David

Brook read the mission statement.

Election of officers: All in favor/approved

President: Joanna Hefferen

V.Pres. : Lola Bogyo

Secretary: Josie

Treasurer: Joanne Kimball

Reviewed last month's minutes- approved

New Board members considered:

David Champa- can't do it.

Liza Hill – might consider it in a couple of months, after she sees what her schedule will allow.

Dashboard:

Joanne presented the financial reports.

We asked the Budget Advisory Committee for an increase from \$7,000 to \$9,000. Received a favorable response. It will be voted on at Town Meeting.

Director's report:

*Working on a new website with Anna Wind. Should launch in March.

*Now using a new donor database. It will save huge amounts of time.

*After-school reading is going well

*Leana Kingsbury, who manages our investments in ME Community Fndtn, will come to Feb. Board meeting to present and answer questions.

*Brook joined ME Library Assoc.'s Intellectual Freedom Committee, which deals with book challenges, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

*Re: making school librarian an ex-officio member of the Library Board:

Discussed changing "will" to "may" re: a new librarian automatically replacing a retiring one. Should the school principal have a say in who would replace an ex-officio member of our board?

We voted to accept, with suggestions.

*Next month is Library Month as well as Valentines Day. Discussed having Fundraising Committee do a "fundraising-lite" letter to donors, thanking them and using photos of

kids/adults with “what they love about the library”.... Committee will meet early Feb. to plan this.

*** Board Training**

Board will discuss each of nine main points in Manual, one at each of upcoming Board meetings. Things to consider:

-Review the things we do and how they align with our mission statement. Avoid “mission creep”. Are we able to say “No” to things that don’t align with mission?

-How do the words (in mission statement) “educational” and “cultural” resonate with members of the Board, in relation to the community?

-switch order of those words to “educational and cultural”..

- should we include something that addresses “recreational reading”/reading for pleasure/entertainment, i.e. not strictly educational or cultural...?

Brook: suggestion to include in each Board meeting a reflection on how events/situations/moments during the month underscore/validate the element(s) of mission statement. Useful way to keep the mission uppermost in our planning.

Joanna- Last year we discussion the need to broaden our base in the community. Feel like we are beginning to do that. Question: do we need a 3-year plan?

Brook- might be a good idea.

Adjourned.