

Webster Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2020

In attendance: Tony Hubbard, Ashley Probst, Terri Bennett, Mary Carlin, Mary Alice Moore, Jen Mitchell, Amy Crumley and Eileen Brookins

Guest: Karen Stoddard, Friends of the Webster Public Library Liaison

Absent: John Cahill, Webster Town Board Liaison

Tony called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Comment: Due to the COVID 19 virus and NY State on Pause, the Board of Trustees Meeting was held as a video conference.

Agenda Review: Report from the Friends of the Webster Library was added to the agenda.

Report from the Town Board Liaison: There was no report from the Town Board Liaison.

Report from the Friends of the Webster Public Library: Karen Stoddard reported that in accordance with NY State on Pause and the closing of the WPL, the Friends meetings and the Spring Book Sale have been cancelled. The Friends will meet by video conference to discuss the Fall Book Sale, other possible fundraisers, and possible ways to celebrate the staff and the reopening of the library.

Director's Report: At present 16 staff are working from home, 12 part time staff are eligible for unemployment benefits, 2 part time staff are using sick bank benefits, 26 part time staff are not eligible for unemployment benefits. All employees not working from home are considered furloughed, they will be welcomed back to their positions at the library when the library is able to reopen.

The library has loaned 20 mini wifi to the Webster School District. The WCSD has identified and loaned these to district families in need of wifi.

The NY State budget has passed with \$2.5 million restored to library funding.

Approval of the Bills and Financial Report: The total bills for March were \$42,619.93. This included March rent, CAM and Taxes in the amount of \$34,905.98. Upon review

and motion and second the Board unanimously approved the payment of the bills for March in the amount of \$42,619.93.

Due to the closing of the library as a result of COVID 19 and NY State On Pause, the Foundation Projects and Waste Management services have been temporarily suspended.

Estate Gift: A discussion was held concerning the recent monetary bequest made by a patron to the library. The following motion was made: Upon receipt of the recent bequest to the Webster Public Library, the monies received will be placed into the Webster Public Library Board of Trustee Gift and Donation Fund. Upon review and motion with a second the Board unanimously approved the motion to place monies received from the recent bequest to the Webster Public Library into the Webster Public Library Board of Trustee Gift and Donation Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Brookins
Secretary