

**Board of Library Trustees
Truro Public Library
Friday, February 19, 2021
11:30am
Via "Go to Meeting"**

Present: Martha Magane, Chair, Meg Royka, Sally Brotman, Keith Althaus,
Tricia Ford, Library Director, Ann Courtney, FOTL
Absent: Mary Abt

Meeting called to order at 11:31am.

No minutes to approve in Mary Abt's absence.

FOTL report: Ann Courtney said a membership mailing went out to about 250 members. There are no results yet.

Director's report: (as discussed)

Director Ford announced the e-circulation outnumbers the regular circulation for the first time last month. She also praised the work of the Staff during this unusual period. Among the few ways the Library can contribute to the covid effort is to duplicate and distribute the necessary Attestation forms.

There was discussion of possibilities of a summer covering for the pergola in order to allow people to use it in rain and extreme sun. There was also a discussion of small tents for use of book groups or outdoor programs. Director Ford will further investigate.

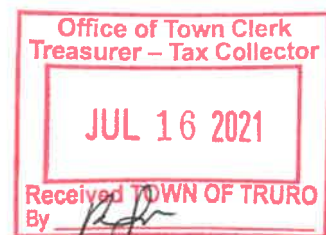
At the Budget Task Force meeting a few cuts were made. At last year's meeting the summer clerk position was cut, not just suspended. The Staff was unanimous in the need for such a position. Cutting Library hours might compensate for the loss of the position. A few small capital cuts were made, such as making the back door accessible, which grant money might cover. An increase in the summer hours of Galen Malicoat might also meet the summer need.

The Director will pursue more information about the current Town Charter and any other regulation presently in place related to the Trustees' role in hiring Library personnel.

The next Trustees' meeting will be Friday March 19, 2021 Via 'Go to Meeting'

The meeting was adjourned 12:24pm

Respectfully submitted, Keith Althaus



Truro Public Library

Director's Report

February 19, 2021

FY2022

Statistics: Attached.

Financial Report: Attached.

Collection Development: No issues

Building Status: A new air purification system, called iWave, will be installed in the building at some point in time to remove pathogens from the air.

Staff: Our staff is amazing. Everyone has been great. Staff is still working one person at a time. We are all hoping to return to the 40% staffing that we had before that allowed two people to work at one time.

Activities/News:

The fy2022 budget has been submitted to the Town Accountant. There has been some subsequent discussion about removing some capital items and placing the summer clerk position and two brand new positions in an override. With your approval I would like to withdraw our request for funding of this position. I have consulted with staff and the consensus is that even though we are expecting a full complement of tourists this summer, as long as we will be allowed to possibly shorten hours and reduce programming, we will be fine without having that position staffed this year.

I will ask if instead of the summer clerk position, Galen might be able to increase her hours from 25 to 35 each week over the summer. That would be a big help and would allow us to increase our online offerings.

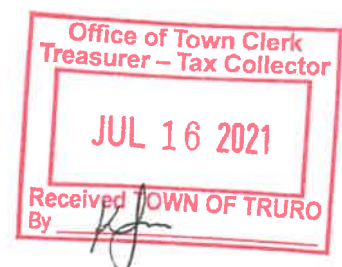
The Library has a small role in COVID vaccine dissemination. At this point we can't do much more than pass on a few facts and to forward calls to folks to the Barnstable County helpline, Truro COA, or Truro Health Department. We have made copies of the Attestation Form that people must fill out online. Bringing the form to the appointment may not be necessary, but I would suggest that people take it anyway.

Along with covering the pergola, I have been trying to envision some sort of tent. I would like to ask Trustees for their opinion on whether or not a tent would be used. The goal is to provide safe, outdoor spaces where people can meet safely, but in a town with as much outdoor beautiful space, the question is will it be used?

The Truro Library Book Club will be meeting virtually on February 24, 1:30 p.m. to discuss the book *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Ford
Library Director



2021 Meeting Room Exhibits:

January – *tba*

February – *tba*

March – *tba*

April – *tba*

May – *tba*

June – *tba*

July – *tba*

August – *tba*

September – *tba*

October – *tba*

November – *tba*

December – *tba*

Upcoming presentations and activities:

All activities are temporarily suspended

Children's Play Group

Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (last session May 6, will resume in October)

Children's Story Hour

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Saturday Programs

(see Footnotes/Website)

Book Groups

Truro Library Book Group (last Wednesdays)
Next Chapter Book Group (*on hiatus*)

Events

(see Footnotes/Website)