



## **Board of Library Trustees Minutes**

Friday, August 20, 2021

3:30 pm

TRURO PUBLIC LIBRARY

7 Standish Way, N. Truro, MA 02652

"Go to Meeting" virtual option:

Access code: 780-480-021

Telephone: 1-866-899-4679

**Attending:** Martha Magane, Keith Althaus, Mary Abt, Meg Royka, Kaitlin Blehm  
Tricia Ford, Anne Courtney

**Absent:** Ann Courtney

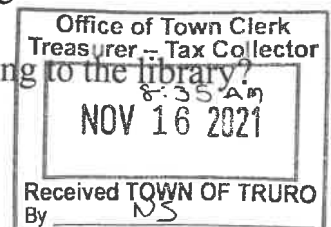
### **Meeting Called to Order 3:32pm**

- Approval of **July 2021** minutes – Mary Abt corrections follow:
- "Under consideration" Library hours
- 1st page - minutes; Mary will send everyone an electronic copy;
- Clams report on other libraries "is still available".
- after \$5,000 ...add fiscal year "2021"
- end of page, add "per day, five days per week".

Motion to accept: Keith Althaus. 2nd: Meg Royka

Minutes approved unanimously.

- Friends of Truro Library report – Anne Courtney was not at the meeting. Tricia reported;
  - FOTL meetings continue to be held every Wednesday
  - Books Down Under is open.
  - The upstairs rolling carts works nicely.
- Library Director's report
  - o Tricia Ford reported that the electric generator takes too long to power back on. A request will be made to the DPW to troubleshoot the generator issue.
  - o The State of MA is paying for 20 hotspots to be added to MA libraries library for 1 year. Discussion and questions:
    - How expensive and is the expense based on usage?
    - How is usage tracked?
    - How long can the hotspot be used before returning to the library?
    - How many Truro residents are underserved.



- The Babysitting 4H course was a success.
- Maggie Hanelt is continuing Children's Story Time
- Story Walk is currently at the Twinefield Trail.
- Summer concert, Thursday 8/19/2021, rained out.  
May be rescheduled

#### Library Outreach for the next Town Meeting

- Childcare.

-Education for new residents.

- Town requested email distribution lists from library.
- Civics class: David McGlothlin was asked to teach an adult class at the library.
- Reporter from Provincetown Independent interviewed Tricia.
- BOS called a meeting with department heads. It was a good opportunity to make connections and open important communication with other town departments. An article appeared in a local paper reporting about this meeting. It was felt that the article was not an accurate reflection of the meeting.
- **Review of FY 2017-2022 Long Range Plan**
  - Barbara Wood, along with Tricia Ford, did the bulk of the work on LRP.
  - Included was interviews with a group of non library users.
  - Could a technology plan be added to the LRP?
  - The Trustees decide the format and the process of the LRP.
  - **Action:** Trustees should read over the LRP for comment and discussion of changes.
  - **Action:** Trustees are requested to come up with ideas for the LRP by January 2022.
- Any other business that may legally come before the committee for discussion at the next meeting Trustees focus group, Employee focus group.
  - Developing a redo of the 2015 library survey was discussed.
  - Library Instagram Stories, that are produced by Courtney Francis, are a popular and effective way to hook a new audience for the library.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:17pm
- Motion: Keith Althaus, 2nd: Kait Blehm.
- Next meeting Friday 9/17/2021, 3:30PM, Truro Public Library

Mary Abt, Clerk-Library Board of Trustees

