

**Board of Library Trustees' Minutes**  
**Friday, September 17, 2021**  
**TRURO PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**7 Standish Way, North Truro, MA, 02652**  
**Via "Go To Meeting", In person, back deck**

Present: Martha Magane, Chair; Keith Althaus; Kaitlin Blehm; Meg Royka. Tricia Ford, Director.

Absent: Mary Abt

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

The minutes of Aug. 20, 2021 were tabled until next meeting for a corrected version.

FOTL Report: Ann Courtney sent word through the Chair that they have found a new FOTL Vice-President. She is Jen Thomas, who recently moved to Truro from New York with her family. With help from the DPW FOTL volunteers cleaned out the used book shed. They are looking for an improved system of mouse-proofing. There was a 50/50 breakdown in the fundraising results between the Footnotes appeal and the direct membership mailing. The next scheduled FOTL meeting is Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Director's Report:

(as discussed)

The Director demonstrated the new "Hotspot" technology that will allow patrons to improve Internet reception. The Director said she would ask at the school for help locating people who could benefit from these devices.

There was a discussion as to whether meetings, group events, classes, such as the new "civics" course, will be conducted virtually or in person. The Health Agent and Board of Health must approve the decision. The possible expansion of hours, reduced by Covid, was also discussed. Neighboring libraries have reacted differently.

The Director has revised the Internet Use Policy and will present it in the future. She also intends to examine the Privacy Policy, if we have one.

Programming possibilities were discussed, including asking local chefs for cooking demonstrations, though that would require Board of Health approval. The winter music concerts are on hold due to covid.

The next Trustees' meeting is Oct.15, 2021, 3:30pm, TPL, on the back deck, and via "Go to Meeting"

Adjourned 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Althaus

