



**Board of Library Trustees
Minutes
Friday, May 15, 2020
9:30 am
TRURO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Library Trustees Minutes
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called to order 9:30 am

Attending via Zoom:

Martha Magane, Mary Abt, Keith Althaus, Jim Kyed, Sally Brotman
Anne Courtney, Tricia Ford Gardner, Bob Weinstein, David Wennerberg

Minutes

Jim Kyed made a motion; Keith Althaus 2nd to accept the February 2020 minutes vote was unanimous.

Executive Directors Report (hard copy attached)

- March 13, 2020 the Truro library closed to public access. Curb side delivery began
 - March 18, 2020 State was closed by Governor at this time, all employees were to work from home.
 - Currently one(1) staff member is permitted to be in the physical library at any given time.
 - As soon as the word comes from Governor, curbside service will begin.
 - Summer Virtual programming. What is the implication for the library?
 - Children's summer reading program – will have a larger online engagement.
- Pamphlets will be distributed as in the past.
- Staff meetings happening 1-2 times a week and Tricia has participated in Department head Mtgs. During this time
 - Tricia has also been meeting with other Cape Cod Librarians to try and make plans that will be consistent with practices in other libraries.
 - ebook circulation has been strong during the pandemic. Tricia did enhanced purchasing of ebooks in March 2020.
 - Canopy video service invoices, which are based on use have risen significantly.
 - This period has been an opportunity to expand the realm of reading from physical books to online reading.
 - It has also been a chance to make Use of PEG stations Channel 18 (TruroTV) and 99(Lower Cape TV)
 - The library does have concerns about impact on people who do not have in home access to technology as the use of the library is meaningful to them and important.

- WOWbary is available on the library website so community can "look" at new acquisitions, which include both downloadable and physical resources.
- Could FOTL use Venmo for payment when selling book?.
- Tricia has put acquisitions of physical magazines and newspapers on hold. Online periodicals are available
- Current practice is a 3 day quarantine for all books that come into the library before staff handles them.

BOB W. State of the Town

- The Town and State are Facing REAL unknowns.
- BOS are awaiting Governor's 4 phase plan for a better idea of what the future holds in store.
- Cape Trends of COVID have not stabilized.
- Furloughs for Town staff have not been discussed.
- Town Meeting needs to be scheduled and it is difficult to find a venue to accommodate 200--300 people.
- Mask wearing is mandated.
- What will summer look like is an unknown.
- BOS is currently discussing budget/operational questions for all town departments.
- Town elections – end of June (30th) effort to get ballots out by mail for remote voting.
- Questions on the town ballot about high ticket overrides and zoning cannot be voted upon without a TM.
- Town elections normally takes place 2 weeks after TM. That probably won't happen this year.

FOTL

- What role does the FOTL have in this time?
- Financial - Possibly the FOTL purchase can a Wifi extender for the library so Wifi can be used further from the Library building than is possible now.
- Creative signage with Messages about social distance and using masks
- Volunteers are an issue. What will happen to Books Down Under, The large Book Sale in August?
- Friends will be supportive to whatever Tricia may need.
- Virtual programming is free and this could be an opportunity for Friends to support programming.

Next Meeting June 19, 2020

Meeting Adjourned 11am

Mary Abt
6/5/2020

