

**Meeting of Board of Trustees
Medfield Memorial Public Library
April 11, 2023**

Attendees:

Jennifer Cronin, Jessica Razza, Phil Tuths, Richard White and Library Director Pam Gardner. Not in attendance Kiersten Cole and Lauren Feeney. P. Tuths called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. J. Cronin made a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes. R. White second. Minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes. Discussion of new roles for vote next meeting. The FOL have not met yet.

Staff Reports – Access Services: Seed Library display with over 700 packets of seeds will open on April 10. CD collection was withdrawn and in the bookstore for purchase. There was a large group at the COA for the new book group.

Adults: Outdoor programs will soon move back to the State Hospital grounds/Gazebo park. There will be another photography class on April 22. New Science Fiction Book Club held at Farthest Star Sake Brewery in Medfield starting soon. Continuing monthly crafts at the COA, America’s Musical Roots on May 10 at the COA. The joint-sponsored program with the Medfield Historical Society with Sheryl Faye performing as Eleanor Roosevelt on April 4 at the library was a success with 45 people.

Children’s: 45 total programs with 918 participants. “Catch a Leprechaun” was well attended. “Sensory Play,” and “Lego Club” always fill up. The library had a Family Literacy Night at Dale Street School, and 60 library card applications were handed out. So far 22 children have come in to pick up their first library card! More Wonderbooks to Picture, Beginning Reader and First Chapter books have been added.

Teens: 16 volunteers for a total of 49.25 hours. March saw nine programs with 64 participants. Teen Space had 198 check-ins in March. Some teens volunteered with Kerry Cowell at the High School for the week-long Café Read-a-Latte. Members of the Teen advisory Board will be at the library’s booth for the Fairy Walk/Daffodil Days. In the beginning stages of planning the library booth for Medfield’s first ever Pride Day event at Bellforge. Dungeons & Dragons a success. A sixth-grade volunteer started his own Pokemon Club. There will be a make your own boba tea during April vacation. 105 people registered for the Conducting College Research with Collegewise webinar. A teen volunteer will be starting a weekly Chess Club for ages 10 and up. Summer Reading planning, baby goats confirmed for the kick-off and Flying High Dogs confirmed for the finale. Planning for the Third Annual LGBTQIA + Youth Summer Series along with 40 other libraries and organizations across the state. Spoke with Kerry about possibly having “office hours” at the middle and high school libraries a few times a month.

Director’s Report – Materials and salary budgets are right on track. P. Tuths made a motion to purchase a storage cabinet and two storage benches for the children’s room from the Catherine Bell Trust. J. Razza second. Motion unanimously approved. Working on a Local History collection with links to records and resources. **Upcoming projects** – checking for quotes for adjusting the lower-level shelving and study tables for the first floor. P. Tuths made a motion for the library to be closed on November 10 for observation of Veteran’s Day along with other town offices and on November 11 for the holiday. R. White second. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting Documents – Staff Reports, Director’s Report, Budget YTD, Trustees Funds

Next Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned – 6:19 p.m.