

August 22, 2023 - Meeting Minutes
CHELSEA BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Attendance: Kezia Freyjo, Brian Anderson, Chintana Herrin, Veronica Golden, Suzanne Turner, Nick DeFriez

1. Kezia called the meeting to order at 6:01

2. Public Presentation and Comments
Book sale recap (Kasey Peterson)

It was the best book sale ever. It required a lot of work, perhaps 100 hours of volunteer labor. We need to get help for next year.

Nick moved that we form a book sale committee. Chintana seconded.

3. There were no adjustments to the agenda

4. Suzanna moved that we approve the minutes from the July Trustee meeting. Chintana seconded.

5. Librarian's Exiting Remarks.

Veronica thanked us for our support. She felt that the library could offer better medical insurance. It is possible for the library to offer more medical benefits than what the town offers. Veronica had trouble dealing with the after school kids who hung out at the library and suggested that the new librarian be made aware of this issue. She wondered if it might be better to hire a director than a librarian. Veronica felt that perhaps we could shift some of our funding from collections to programming. She loved working in the Chelsea community and encouraged us to reach out and build community relationships with the library.

Veronica intends to attend the Vets and Friends coffee hour in September

6. Librarian search.

We discussed the job description, and Kezia will send the job description as an email to the board.

Motion: Sub Wage Change. Suzanne moved that we increase the sub rate based on the sub draft dated on August 9th. Chintana seconded.

7. Motion re: Summer hour decision. We discussed changing the summer hours. Chintana moved to keep the Summer hours until we get a new librarian. Suzanna seconded.

8. Library Strategic Planning update. We decided to put the Strategic Planning update on hold until we hire a new librarian

9. Motion: Circulation policy update. Suzanna moved to approve the Circulation policy. Chintana seconded.

10. Kezia moved to adjourn at 7:20. Nick seconded.

11. Future Meetings

Sep 11 (longer meeting)

October 9

November 13

December 11

Respectfully submitted, Nick DeFriez