

THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEES MEETING

May 11, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 6:34 p.m.

Present were:

Emily Rose, Chair

Frank MacGrory, Vice-Chair

Frank Streeter, Secretary

Ann Frantz, Trustee

David Spanagel, Trustee

Karen Silverthorn, Trustee

Melissa Carlson, President FTML

Richard Trussell

Adam Zand

Library Director Joe Mulé, ex officio

Assistant Director Rachel Rosengard, Recorder

Chair Rose welcomed newly elected Trustee Karen Silverthorn, Adam Zand, Melissa Carlson, and Richard Trussell to the meeting. She then said she would entertain a motion to approve the reorganization of the Board. She asked if anyone had suggestions for who should fill each seat, including Chair. Possibly scared off by the prospect of becoming Chair none of the other trustees responded. To facilitate discussion,

Trustee Frantz moved to reorganize the Board and Secretary Streeter seconded the motion.

After further discussion,

Vice-Chair MacGrory moved that all Board members remain in their current positions; Trustee Spanagel seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

MINUTES [April]

Chair Rose asked for clarification on the April Minutes regarding funding the replacement of windows in the Children's Room. Director Mulé counseled that the Library may need a combination of fundraising and State Aid to fully fund window restoration in the Children's wing.

Trustee Silverthorn moved to accept minutes from April 13,2022; Secretary Streeter seconded, and the motion passed on a 5-0 vote.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, which is a week later than normal.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Rose announced that the Library's capital project request for a feasibility study was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. Chair Rose stressed that the Trustees must collect data for the Request For Proposals and strategize how to gain voters' support for the project. Director Mulé is writing the RFP.

Chair Rose checked with the Board of Health regarding current pandemic protocols.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Committee

Director Mulé is scheduled to meet with Town Administrator Kate Hodges and Director of Community Development & Planning Jasmine Farinacci, to discuss the RFP.

Director Mulé is addressing setbacks with the window restoration prototype in the Children's Room with Spencer Preservation Group.

Fundraising

The subcommittee will continue to meet monthly despite the loss of a few members. Trustee Spanagel has directed the group to think broadly about how the group can build community support for the Library.

Trustee Spanagel reported that to date just over \$25,200 has been raised for the windows project. Active solicitation for the "windows restoration" project has ceased. He also mentioned that replacing the storm windows twice a year may not be feasible and permanent windows should be considered instead.

Planning

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Mulé explained that the Library's appropriated operating line items could be reallocated within the current budget.

Trustee Silverthorn joined the Strategic Planning Committee. Additionally, a Feasibility Study Committee has been formed.

The Town has instituted a hiring operating and appropriated budget freeze through the end of the fiscal year.

Director Mulé reminded the Board that the Strategic Plan will be aspirational and encompass three years rather than the longer periods addressed in previous plans.

ACTION ITEMS

Trustee Spanagel asked if more Board members are needed on the Strategic Planning Committee. Director Mulé answered that it is not necessary, but certainly welcome.

Chair Rose inquired about removing one of the large tables from the Dexter Room.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Secretary Streeter moved to adjourn, Trustee MacGrory seconded the motion, and the motion passed on a 5-0 vote. The Board adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Streeter

Secretary

Assistant Director Rachel Rosengard

Recorder