

Essex Free Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday May 19, 2021
via Zoom
Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Caitlin Corless, Bonnie Doble, Janet Watts, Joan Janzen, Mike Yandow, Iris Banks Missing: Marie Froeschl and Lorna Swerhone

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm
The minutes of our last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Library Directors Report

Caitlin reviewed the report she sent out and encouraged the Board to come meet the new Youth Services librarian, Emily Mandeville-Houle who starts May 24th.

New Business

The Board approved spending \$2000 for materials and programming for a Summer Reading Program.

Additionally, up to \$3000 was authorized for a federally funded, fully reimbursable Chittenden County Youth Service Library Grant .

Old Business

We will be open for appointments beginning June 1.

Discussions are ongoing with the town about the EFLs need for an independent website. The Board feels strongly that the needs of the community can best be served by an established library specific website with a link to and from the town. Caitlin will continue discussions and a letter will be drafted reflecting Board support for the change.

Plant Sale planning is going well. All volunteer spots are filled. The Square works so we will be able to accept cards. Caitlin asked if a table of “free weeded” children’s books could be included.

The Book Sale books are still at the Tree Farm. Discussions with Ally Vile seem to support a Book Sale at the Tree Farm this fall with the remainder being repackaged to send to Better World Books. A committee will be formed later this summer.

Logo discussion was tabled until our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10