

Chelsea Public Library
Board of Trustees
May 24, 2023
Minutes of Meeting – APPROVED

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:25 P.M. by Chairperson Beth Novak.
2. Roll Call: At Roll Call, the following attended: Chairperson Beth Novak, Vice Chairperson Monica Elias, Grace Lee, Ana Venegas-Rivera, Kristina Byrnes and Lisa Makrinikolas. Alexandria Christmas was absent (excused). Library Director Sarah G. Jackson and Children's Librarian, Katherine Palencia, were also in attendance.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: On a motion made by Kristina Byrnes and seconded by Monica Elias, the minutes from April 24, 2023 has been approved.
4. Communications: Email invite regarding Trustee Deep Dive on Collection Development and Intellectual Freedom/Censorship discussion. Chairperson Beth Novak will be in attendance and encourages those able to join. The Library Director will review the MBLC's distro list to confirm all members are receiving email correspondence from MBLC.
5. Report of Library Director: The Director reported on the following:
 - a) Children's Dept update:
 - i. Children's Librarian presented on Fall Programming and submitted her request for \$1,400.00 to coordinate a children's program with Chelsea's Apollinaire Theatre Company (\$800) and Music & Movement sessions (\$600) - Letter from Children's Library specifies the programs.
 - ii. Monica Elias motioned to approve the Fall Programming funding request and Krissy Byrnes seconded.
 - iii. Trustees vote on the next meeting scheduled in June.
 - b) Invoices are all paid and up to date (no trustee funds were spent in April) + Bartholomew Report included (for April).
 - c) Building Update:
 - d)
 - i. Gardens planted.
 - ii. Summer hours begin in May, 2023 (Mon/Tues/Wed 9-5, Thurs 9-8, Fri 9-5, Sat 10-1 (for both depts.))
 - e) Budget: Budget hearing occurred on May 16th, 2023.
 - f) Adult and Teen Programming: New Rubber Duckie Soapmaking workshop date scheduled on June 22nd, 2023 at 5pm (flyer to be posted)
 - g) Policies: Ongoing
 - g) Misc:
 - i. Trustee training from MBLC on censorship reiterated.
 - ii. ARIS Report due August 18th, 2023 (to be signed by Trustee Chair or Vice Char).

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6. New Business: None.
7. Ongoing Business: Banned Books: Discussion to be prioritized in the fall.
8. Unfinished Business: Board members to complete the mandatory Confidentiality Policy training online.
9. Date of Next Meeting: The next board meeting has been tentatively scheduled for: Thursday June 8th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M via Zoom with Trustee Chair attending in person.
10. Adjournment: On a motion made by Kristina Byrnes and seconded by Monica Elias, the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lee

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