

**MINUTES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE LIBRARY TRUSTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Present:** Noelle Boc, Jessica Cargile, Julie Curtis, Charles Desmond, Christi Farrar, Natalie Luca Fiore, Michael Hagan, Frank Herschede, Donna Hopkins

**Absent:** Irene Conte

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Michael Hagan.

**Call to Order:** The March 9, 2022 library trustee meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson Michael Hagan.

**Public Comments:** There were no public attending the meeting nor were there any public comments submitted for trustee review.

**Approval of the Secretary Minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting:** A motion was made by Donna Hopkins and seconded by Frank Herschede to approve the secretary minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

**Trustee Reports:**

**Chairperson Report:**

The town budget presentation to the Select Board will be this coming Saturday, March 12, 2022

From 9:30-10:30 pm in the town hall Toomey Room. Director Boc, Assistant Director Jennifer McGeorge and Bookkeeper Sue Kontos will be attending.

**Treasurer Report:**

Treasurer Frank Herschede presented the following February 2022 report:

**The Peabody Institute of Danvers Trust, inc.**

**Year to Date**

Beginning Balance	624,097.02	Beginning Balance	653,333.95
Income	356.01	Income	716.56
Expenses	1.96	Expenses	(1,606.81)
Change in Value	(14,604.64)	Change in Value	(42,593.35)
Ending Balance	609,850.35	Ending Balance	609,850.35

(6.68%) Year to Date

At the end of the presentation, a motion was made by Christi Farrar and seconded by Donna Hopkins to approve the treasurer report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**By Laws Committee report and discussion:** After trustees were handed both present trustee by laws and proposed revised by laws, Committee Chair Natalie Luca Fiore discussed the proposed revisions. It was decided the sub-committee would meet one last time for a final review before the trustee vote to approve the changes.

**Director's Report:**

Director Noelle Boc offered the following;

The library is currently reviewing resumes and interviewing for the Community and Outreach Services position. Since Director Boc has started at the library, seven positions have been filled. The Community and Outreach being the eighth. All of the new or newly promoted have been settling in very well.

Director Boc met with the Danvers Art Association. Art found in her closet was identified as ones that previous directors had chosen at the past Family Festivals. The majority of these pieces have been rehung on the back staircase. Boc and the Art Association will create a schedule for more art shows or themes to be hung in the staircases or in the Standing Room. We are loosely planning on having a first exhibit in June. Boc has suggested a little “opening night” every time this is done. The association would like to come in and catalog what art is here in our permanent collection.

Light the Night Purple – the walk in support of people overcoming opioid addiction, is scheduled for the evening of May 4<sup>th</sup>. This event is handled by DanversCARES. The walk starts and ends at the Rotary Pavilion. Boc will be attending their planning meetings and the library will have a table at the event to advertise any resources and to support their efforts. Trustee Julie Curtis suggested it would be nice if the trustees could walk as a group in support of this.

The Massachusetts Library Association Conference will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Hyannis. Boc, as an officer on the Administrative Committee will be attending both days.

The Friends of the Library are planning their annual book sale. Donations will be accepted the week of June 13-18<sup>th</sup> in the Gordon Room. The sale will take place June 22-25<sup>th</sup>, with a preview party for Friends members only during the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

The paperback collection is being separated by genres. The children’s room is interfiling the genre sections with fiction and separating, making section of series books.

A \$1,000 donation for seeds for the library was received from Jay Twomey for his mom, Marsha Twomey who was a former employee.

**Old Business:**

Staff-Trustees Event was revisited. A catered lunch at the library was suggested. Another suggestion was a catered meal and then a fun night. Director Boc suggested we think about this some more. It was also brought up that the trustees had previously held a Department of Public Works appreciation luncheon.

**New Business:** Trustee Charles Desmond shared an article published in The Chronicle entitled ‘Library of the Future’.

**Adjournment:** Where there was no other business to be discussed, a motion was made by Natalie Luca Fiore and seconded by Christi Farrar to adjourn the March 9, 2022 library trustee meeting at 8:45 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie E. Curtis, Recording Secretary