

June 15, 2021 Board of Trustees

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present (20 Trustees)-Quorum achieved

Guests: Megan Walters, Mary Hutchins

Agenda items
OPENING OF MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.
PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS
Very busy these passed 30 days.
MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE BOARD MINUTES
Motion by Loren, seconded by Margaret. Approved.
DIRECTOR’S REPORT
John Catlett has left the library. Replacement started yesterday and hit the ground running. Library system conducting a fundraiser called Novel-T. Mask mandate lifted last week; plastic partitions still up at the circulation desk. Today was first in-person program since COVID; held at Anson Nixon Park: 24 children attended. Feedback very positive. Megan would like to remove fees for DVDs, and seeks permission to do so when CCLS moves forward; some libraries have already eliminated fees. Motion to grant permission to Megan to eliminate all DVD fees when appropriate made by Michael, seconded by Barbara N. Motion passed unanimously. Megan asked if we should consider in-person meetings again. Many trustees felt that Zoom enables more trustees to attend, especially during the summer travel months. Hybrid model could also be considered.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kennett Library
Board Meeting Minutes

Agenda items

Finance (Tori): \$187k operating cash. \$93k income in May. May expenses \$66.7k. 45% of budget spent through the end of May. \$2.633m in investments. Capital Campaign account has \$2.28m.

New Building (Brad & Loren): Land Development plan currently with Borough Council. Cost estimate after completing of Construction Documents was \$20.9m. Value engineering has resulted in \$0.3m savings. Still working, but expect final cost will be \$20-20.5m. These figures include contingency line items worth \$1.8m. We expect these contingency items to be reduced as the project advances (and confidence increases).

Brad made the following Motion #1: **to approve annual payment (not to exceed \$9,600) to Kennett Borough for Borough Garage parking space maintenance.** Seconded by Will. The motion passed with 12 "yes" votes and 6 "no" votes. Two trustees left the meeting before the vote.

Brad made the following Motion #2: **to authorize advancing to Bidding Phase contingent on Borough approval of Library's Land Development Plan.** Seconded by Collis. Motion passed unanimously.

Capital Campaign (Collis & Mary): Campaign now at \$12m. May not hit goal of 75% by the time of go/no-go decision. But Campaign Cabinet is confident that we will eventually make our fundraising goal. Collis made the following motion: **In recognition of Dennis Melton's outstanding community spirit and long-time support of the Kennett Library, the Board of Trustees hereby endorse naming the rooftop Terrace in his honor.** Seconded by Brad. Motion passed unanimously. Several fundraising events, including some with the help of Longwood Gardens, are being considered.

Personnel (Brenda): No report.

ALP (David): Still going well. Filomena speaking with folks about developing a digital literacy campaign. United Way donating \$35.8k for 2021. Filomena met with new CEO of LCH to discuss how we might partner together.

DevCom (Mary): No report.

Friends of the Library (Gail): Ticket sales for Shop 'n Dine continue. About \$15k in sales and/or commitments so far. Drawings begin July 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Barbara B, seconded by Michael. Adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Majarian, Secretary