Thomas Memorial Library Committee

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday, September 24, 2020, at 6:30 PM

APPROVED

In Attendance:

Jason O’Brien, Megan Cotter, Sara Hirshon, Kathleen Kent, John DiPalazzo, Becky Fernald, Timothy Blackstone

Rachel Davis

Megan Smith

Absent:

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 6:30 PM
2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Megan / Kathkeen second. Approved.

1. Citizen’s Opportunity for Discussion of Items Not on the Agenda

none

1. Reports

Library Director’s Report

Reported as submitted

Sarah: staffing

Becky: thanks us

Kathleen wants the library to open, far exceeded expectations; evolved into a situation where we’re trying to prevent contagion; work towards opening up, can’t keep the entire population back when some people are vulnerable; under the constraints;

Sara: compares the library to the school opening; could we open the way the schools are open; maybe by appointment open

Jason: compromised, if one person gets sick, takes out the entire library

Timothy: agrees with Jason; we are one week into school; don’t know how it’s going to go; appointment model, allows for contact tracing

Sara; would have to be by appointment only, stagger appointments

Megan C.: timing of conversation is difficult; planning for future; Plexiglass screens now; take this time to get the library in a place where everybody would feel more comfortable

John: it’s not going to over in a day; however it ends, it’s going to be gradual, maybe try out some things sooner rather than later; wise to look to state guidance;

Jason: what do people want?

Sara: send out another survey

Kathleen: miss having a place to go;

Becky: bound by state regulations

Tim: family at a time in Bangor; cater to specific audiences; appointmetnst that cater to specific audiences

Jason: don’t want to lose momentum in programming; smaller number of people still won’t be happy because they won’t be able to do what they want

Timothy: forced change--what changes should we retain; what did we do that we can take forward

Becky: what are other libraries doing? Air quality; filtration system; Rachel will follow up

1. Current library operations and plans going forward: discussion
2. Restarting the strategic planning process: Kathleen hard to know where to go and how the process should go. Timothy: premature, not quite there yet.
3. Policies needing attention for the future

Age of unattended children

Use of library computers and other electronics

Not wanting to lose track of these issues as we get closer to opening

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becky ; Move to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

1. Adjournment: PM