

**BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: November 9, 2021 TIME: 6.42p.m. PLACE: Trustee Room & Virtual Meeting
 Due to technical difficulties the virtual attendees could not be heard.
 PRESENT: Jocelyn Meek, Chairperson; Lisa O'Donnell, Vice Chair; Phyllis Ellis; Pastor Mattieu Delisme; Paul Engle, Library Director Virtual
 attendees - Jorge Vega; Aminah Pilgrim; Margaret Mone
 ABSENT: Joseph Policape
 VISITORS: Malice Veiga
 RECORDING: Lisa O'Donnell

<u>TOPIC/AGENDA</u>	<u>FINDINGS/DISCUSSION</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS</u>	<u>FOLLOW-UP</u>
1. Acceptance of Minutes	Approval of minutes for October 13, 2021 as submitted.	Approval by Phyllis Ellis and second by Margaret Mone	
2. Hearing of Visitors	Malice came to ask the board members to attend a library event at least once a month. Board members attendance would assist in getting to know the library staff and continue to build on-going relationship as well as provide feedback on events.		
3. Chairman's Report	John Thomas portrait unveiling – tentative date: Saturday December 11, 2021 – 2:00pm. Jocelyn will reach out to Mr. Thomas' family and Roxbury Community College – Athletic Director, Reggie Lewis Facility where he was the athletic director Boston University where he broke track and field records During the recent power outage – Library served as a resource to residence in need. Provided wifi and food to those in need.		
4. Director's report	Voices of Diversity – November 6, 2021 event was well attended Jennifer Belcher resigned and moved to Natick Library as of October 29, 2021		
5. Discussion:	Invited Darrell Brown – was unable to attend but Malice will introduce him to Niki (Staff person) for them to work together.		

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6. Discussion:	<p>Proposal to air mark funds from state aid to purchase local and regional art.</p> <p>Jorge Vega indicated maybe have the existing art looked at to reconsider updating and posting in a more current fashion.</p>	<p>Jocelyn would like to use some federal aid in an effort to update to artwork in the library. Jocelyn proposal is for \$6000 per year.</p> <p>Motion by Phyllis Ellis to approve \$6000 per year, second by Aminah Pilgrim; voted unanimously.</p> <p>Paul will be the person who brings the art idea forward for approval.</p>	
7. Discussion:	<p>Art donation by Mr. Zuckerman(Brockton Resident) watercolor print of the Little Red School House.</p>	<p>Motion by Phyllis Ellis to accept the donation and give it to the foundation , second by Margaret Mone voted unanimously.</p>	
8. Discussion:	<p>Paul - board a leave of absence for Kathy Donahue for 30 days.</p>	<p>Motion to approve by Lisa O'Donnell, second by Jorge Vega; voted unanimously.</p>	
9. Old Business	<p>Phyllis inquired about the youth poet laureate</p> <p>Lisa updated the board members that Paul's 5 year contract was signed. Going forward his contract is intended to be renewed every 3 years.</p>	<p>Library board members will present it to city council in January 2022.</p> <p>In December Lisa will bring forward the performance review established last year in order to prepare for Paul's annual review.</p>	
9. New Business	<p>Aminah Pilgrim brought forward the Clemente Program. In honor of Roberto Clement where funds were offered to non-traditional students from Mass Humanities. Funds were donated to contribute money for tuition to recipients. Stonehill College was the previous sponsor that ended due to Stonehill having no non-traditional students – the program would not bring value to a Stonehill College student.</p> <p>Aminah is asking for the program to continue to partner with the Brockton Public Library. The program will begin the end of February 2022 and their primary need is space and modest funding, co-sponsor events.</p>	<p>Motion to to continue this program as a partnership by Phyllis Ellis, second by Margaret Mone.</p>	

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11. Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm Next meeting December 14, 2021 - holiday Cheer and refreshments to be served.	Motion by Phyllis Ellis, second by Margaret Mone; voted unanimous.	Phyllis Ellis would like to establish a spring event/gala to fundraise for the Library Foundation. Phyllis will solicit committee members to begin the process.