

Alice L. Pendleton Library
Trustees' Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022 9am

Meeting Opened, Attendance taken: Isabel Jackson, Jon Kerr, Laura Read, Sarah Randlett, Melissa Olson, Carrie Thomas
Via Zoom: Catherine Demchur-Merry, Priscilla Fort

Minutes from the November meeting – Approved with no corrections

Friends of ALP report: Priscilla reported that the Friends have paid for and renewed the contract for the library website for three years. The price for renewal has gone up since the last time. About \$1500 was raised from the winter Friends newsletter. Looking ahead to finding people to care for the gardens next summer; Isabel will email Priscilla a list of tasks and plans for future needs.

Librarian's Report: Melissa reported on several issues-

- Lego programs on Wednesdays after school have been very popular with 6-8 children each week. Their creations are on display in the children's room.
- Story time on Saturday mornings has not been as popular as it was in the fall.
- An ongoing Dungeons and Dragons game is being held by Richard on Saturday afternoons and is proving popular.
- Melissa has been going to the Preschool once a month to read stories following a curriculum established there.
- A Dr. Suess birthday party held on March 2 proved to be quite popular with about 20 children plus assorted adults enjoying crafts and cupcakes from Laura.

- The Teen room (Youth Advisory Council) has been set up with a TV, comfy seating, hot drink station plus books and DVDs. They meet once a month and will be working on the name for their group and some bylaws.
- Isabel and Ren Provey have constructed 4 Little Free Library buildings which now need to be painted and finished by interested teens. They will be put up in various spots around the island including Town Beach, Big Tree Beach, Herbert Preserve, perhaps the Ferry Landing.
- Melissa is working with the town Energy Committee to have an energy audit performed on the library. She is hoping to be able to eventually install solar panels on the back roof, switch to LED lights inside and install heat pumps.
- The library received money from a State grant (\$1750) for COVID relief programs and Melissa is working on creating an outside spot for children's programs in the summer. We will make a grassy area in the corner of the building in the lower parking lot and install a sail shade and some picket fencing.
- Plans for a new outdoor sign are moving forward. Melissa, Laura and Sarah (Marketing sub-committee) will work on the design of a new wooden or wood alternative sign that will replace the old one. It will have an easily changeable Open sign and hours sign. Melissa has had some discussions with Dorr Signs in Camden but we may be able to find someone on island to do it.
- Upcoming programs include – the state genealogist will come to the island to discuss doing family research and Ancestry.com on March 24. On April 2 a representative from a Wild Seed organization will discuss diversifying your lawn with plants that do not need mowing.
- Melissa and Chloe will host a zoom presentation on the Geo-caching programs they have run for the Reading Roundup conference at the Maine State Library. Plans for this summer include doing a program at the new Herbert Preserve trail.

Chair's Report:

- Trustee initiatives this spring – the Strategic Report subcommittees will meet in April to discuss each area's plans and will report back in May.
- Carrie has submitted the trustees annual report to the town to be included in the town report.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Decisions and Actions: The Booksale will be held July 16-23 in the tent on the front lawn. Friends will decide if they are holding the bake sale also.

Next Trustee's Meeting Dates: May 11 and then June 8 to plan for the summer activities.

Adjournment: 10:05am