

**Black Watch Memorial Library
Board of Trustees
June 29, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

Members Present: Susan Gravelle, Steve Boyce, Cheryl O'Connor, Virginia LaPointe,
Linda Cunningham

Others Present: Heather Johns, Library Manager; Joyce Cooper, Town Representative;

Review of Minutes: Cheryl O'Connor moved that the minutes be accepted;
Virginia LaPointe seconded; All were in favor.

Report of the Director:

- Mackenzie Strum will be doing the Children's program this summer. She has planned five story and craft sessions. She will also do a couple of programs for teens, and a STEM program for tweens. Heather is also running an independent reading program for kids.
- The library has been sponsoring a tiny art show. Over 30 people have picked up the mini canvases and they are on display at the library. A reception will be held on July 7th at 6:30.
- The library will be sponsoring a basket raffle on Street Fest. It was very successful last year.
- Heather is investigating the cost of renting a small dumpster to remove garbage from the basement.
- One of the AC units is not working and there is a fear that the remaining unit may burn out. It has been reported to the town and needs to be checked out - especially since the library is a cooling center for the Town during a heat emergency.
- There is a need for three new staff chairs. They need to be heavy duty, durable, and cleanable. The computer chairs will need to be replaced next year.
- The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.
- Joyce will see Mark about the possibility of the Book Sale giving away books for free. This should reduce the number of books in the sale area.
- The library still does not have a new copier. The Friends of the Library have offered to help lease one but we need clarification of the rules for the use of the copier.

Report of the Town: Joyce has enlisted the aid of Kelly Carey from the Chamber to work on the landscaping in front of the Library. It looks wonderful - there is a noticeable improvement.

- Joyce will check on the repairs to the AC; and will monitor the bins for cigarette butts as they occasionally get dumped on the ground.
- Sue had a question about the Library cleaning, and Joyce suggested that she attend the Building and Grounds Committee meeting at 8:30 on July 18th to bring up the issue.

Report of the Friends: None.

Report of the President:

- The deadline for the DRI grants is July 24th and we need ballpark figures for the costs.
- We need a design plan, and Steve is investigating groups that could give us an estimate.
- Donna Wotton from Ti Revitalization Alliance will meet with the Board at 1:00 on Wed. July 5th at the Ti Workplace to discuss our vision and plans for the project
- Steve will present a program to the Kiwanis about the Library to increase awareness of all that the library does for the community.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23