

Dover Town Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 14th 2020
Living Room, Dover Town Library

Call to order: 9.02am

In attendance – Mr. Mark Bush, Ms. Tracy Tobin, Ms. Cheryl Abdullah, Ms. Erin Rodat-Savla, Mr. Adrian Hill, Ms. Judy Schulz, Ms. Kim Hatfield

Reports:

Director's Report

The Director commented on a recent internet article illustrating innovative ways to utilize space in a library and noted that the DTL had embraced all of the methods cited. "We have always tried to be a trendsetter".

The DTL has once more received Star Library Award for the past year.

Chinese New Year celebrations are planned as are those for Mardi Gras also.

Mr. Hill asked about the STEAM program – approximately 15-20 children attend this enrichment offering, centered around all things to do with Penguins.

40-50 patrons attended the recent DS AI Coda group concert at the DTL.

A 5 year old boy in Dover England has written to all libraries in all towns with the name 'Dover' in the United States and the Director described the plans for a full response.

Friends Update

The appeal has raised \$19,692 to date, slightly higher than the corresponding amount at end of January last year. This is still before the addition of several direct-to-the-library donations or the amount from the Library House tour. The Cheers for Books 2020 event is now being organized, with a likely date of May 14th. A large \$4,000 donation was mentioned. In total there have been approximately 130 donors.

The nominations and spellings for the nominations for the Trustee Outstanding Service Award Board were confirmed as: "Maud Chaplin" and "The Dover Holiday House Tour Committee".

The tile project is now completed and covered its costs.

Requiring Motions:

Approval of December Minutes was postponed to the February meeting.

Operating budget – due to a spreadsheet error in the Utilities line, a vote was required to approve a new number of \$784,107.00; Ms. Tobin moved and Ms. Rodat-Savla seconded; it passed unanimously.

Open Items:

Peabody statues – ACTION REQUIRED

Ms. Schulz talked about the Peabody statues, their condition, the need for their conservation and her considerable work with the Peabody Foundation on this matter. There was some additional discussion about memorializing Amelia Peabody and her work somehow in the DTL – Ms. Hatfield offered to research any documents or liaise with the Peabody Foundation on this and revert back in subsequent months to the Trustees. Also, Ms. Rodat-Savla discussed the broader communication opportunity for sharing the story of AP and the items for the Library.

The horse outside of the Children's' Room needs maintenance repair to preserve the shape. An estimate of \$6-7,000 for a copy to be made. The Peabody Foundation has kindly offered to fund all of these costs.

Vote to accept the offer to make a cast of the horse funded by the AP Charitable Trust; Ms. Rodat-Savla moved and Mr. Bush seconded; the vote passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Trustee succession planning was discussed and Ms. Rodat-Savla discussed options for this.

9.58am adjourned.