

CHELSEA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Directors Meeting, May 19, 2021

Attendance: Cindy, Dana, Dawn, Lori, Margo, Tom

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Dawn made a motion to accept the minutes with changes to the spelling of Holcombe in two places. Cindy seconded and these were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: The budget is getting a little tight, but Dana is not worried. We are a little over budget on recorded books, videos printing (made two banners and some bookmarks) and technology (had to replace two laptops). We still have \$189.32 in the memorial fund and we continue to receive \$50 a month from the trust. Our fiscal year is October 1 to September 30. There is still \$14,000 left in the Therachem donation fund. This will go to cabinets upstairs. And we will get a donation from Senator Roberts of Alabama. APLS has a 3-D printer and Dana will go check this out after the summer reading program ends.

Directors Report: Circulation for April was 31,911 compared to the Covid number last year of 7,097. We will be beginning the Legos programs, the coding program and the stem program. Volunteers can sign up now for summer. We will drop the DVD fines to \$1, most are auto renewed anyway. Dana will be out June 3 for a few weeks with knee replacements.

We need to vote on the new volunteer policy. Usually seventh and eighth graders volunteer, but we do have a provision for exceptions for younger but mature volunteers.

Old Business: The new book drop cover is keeping the sun off the box and the staff are not getting wet, but this will be tweaked again.

The new vinyl walls will go inside the fence, floor to ceiling. These will be pulley system operated. The walls have been delivered, but the installers (Southern Enclosures) are in North Carolina and there is a gas shortage. The installation is half the cost of the product, but they have experience. They anticipate coming out June 2-3. We hope to use this space year around and will have two ceramic heaters for winters.

Please check on your certificates from the trustee program you completed. Give this course information to Tom.

New Business: HRL has VPN laptops for Directors that they can take to events and sign up people for book cards, etc. At the Fire at the Foothills, there were two carts of books to give out and it was a huge success. They will do again at the Big Kaboom.

We have a new summer reading flyer. This information is available on the library website, Facebook page and it will be posted at the community center. We also count on word of mouth, 280 Living and a free ad in Postnet. Dana will send the elementary schools a digital copy of the flyer.

Looking toward the fall and winter, we will have Homeschool Hangout again in September.

Adjourn: Dawn made a motion to dismiss and Cindy seconded. Our next meeting will be August 18, 2021 at 9 AM.

L. Cheney