**Franklin Public Library**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 21, 2022**

**Present**: Charleen Belcher, Kathleen Gerwatowski, Ginette Preto, Amanda Rabbitt, Barbara Steele of the Board, and Library Director Felicia Oti.

**Call to Order**: Charleen called the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

**Public Comment**: None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March meeting were approved as amended.

**Report of the Board Members:**

**Barbara:** Barbara suggested we consider other strategies for the ongoing art exhibit in the Friends’ community room. One artist can reserve the room for a month. The current selection was somewhat limited.

**Charleen:** Charleen visited the Dover Public Library. Their “Library of Things” was displayed on top of the bookshelves to generate interest. Games available for circulation were displayed in the children’s room. The Board discussed ways to promote our library’s “Library of Things.”

**Library Board Meeting Guidelines:** The Board voted to approve the updated Library Board Meeting Guidelines.

**Library Director’s report:** A retired art teacher is considering offering a monthly art program. The library would provide the art supplies. She is coming on Tuesday to discuss the idea.

The whalemobile is coming on May 6th. Caleigh is also planning many other cultural offerings in May.

The Board discussed identifying sources of funding to implement the goals of the strategic plan. Since the Friends of Franklin Library funds programs at its discretion, the Board must look for other sources of funding. The Franklin Library Gift Fund is an excellent way to support the library. It’s the best way to support the library directly. For those who wish to leave a bequest, the Franklin Library Gift Fund is the most direct method.

Drone programs will be offered on June 29th and July 13th. A decision will be made about gearing the program to certain age groups.

The library budget hearings with the Town Council will take place on May 25th from 7-9 p.m. The Board is encouraged to attend.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on May 16, 2022.

**Agenda for next month:** The Youth Services Librarian will attend the next meeting to discuss the summer program. We will review a sample of the upcoming customer service survey. We will also receive an update on the Friends of Franklin Library, and the art program with the schools.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gerwatowski