**Franklin Public Library**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**May 16, 2022**

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

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

**Public Comment**: Caleigh Keating, Youth Services Librarian, attended the meeting to discuss the summer reading program. The Summer Reading Kick off will be at Farmer’s Market on June 17th. The library is sponsoring the live music. There are two calendars, one for kids and one for teens, with activities beginning on June 11th. Each week has a different theme. On the teen calendar, there are programs scheduled all Mondays through Thursdays. A special program will be held every week. For kids, there will be a program every day, and a special program every week. In addition, theme camps will run every week with a related book genre. 750 summer reading bags will be prepared.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**Charleen:** Charleen had a positive meeting with Lisa Rein, President of the Friends of Franklin Library. Charleen described to Lisa how the Friends’ groups in Holbrook and Dover Libraries operate with transparency and no restrictions. The Library Director has full discretion to spend the money raised; and she is not required to defend or justify how the funds are spent. These communities feel confident in their Library Directors’ expertise to make decisions. Charleen suggested to Lisa that the Friends of Franklin Library explore fresh opportunities to support the library. She gave Lisa the contact information to reach out to these Friends groups. Charleen will attend a future Friends’ meeting.

Adam Gooder will be the new Art Director for the Franklin Public Schools. The library will be partnering with him in the future to schedule student art displays at the library.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2022.

**Agenda for next month**: At the next meeting we will discuss the customer service survey and the collection development policy.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gerwatowski