**Franklin Public Library**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 26, 2021**

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

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

**Public Comment:** Kim Shipala, Assistant Director, attended the meeting. She has worked at the Library for just over five years. Kim handles the library’s portion of the town website, social media, press releases, invoice payment, helping patrons with OverDrive and Libby, adult programming, including Zoom programs, grant applications for craft activities, and much more. Kim started a collaboration with the Franklin Mill Store involving craft kits. She facilitates the book club, a wonderful group of people who meet regularly. Kim also schedules gardening programs, which have been very successful. She noted that “the pivot made us rethink how we’ve been doing our jobs.”

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

**Report of the Board Members:**

**Kathleen:** Kathleen shared an article from the Boston Globe about libraries which offer cooking classes for adults via Zoom. Felicia noted that at this time cooking programming is offered to youth.

**Charleen:** Charleen has signed up for the mandala painting workshop and will update us at the next meeting.

**Library Director’s Report:** The Library’s reopening has been going extremely well. The highest visitor count was 80 on a Saturday. People are pacing themselves and continue to take advantage of curbside pickup. Those who visit sign in, use the computers efficiently, and respect the guidelines. Patrons are now asking for more hours, including Sundays.

The library brochure is on hold for the moment. Vicki is working with Rebecca [the archivist] on a different project for the historical museum. Felicia is waiting until the right time to ask Vicki to turn her attention to the brochure. Also at a future date Steve Sherlock will be leading a tour of the library.

The restoration project was finished on Friday. It was a two-step project and now it’s complete. The frames had cracked. The restoration company also cleaned the frames. It required an entire month. The result was perfect! It was beneficial that the library was closed as they could work without disturbing patrons.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on May 24, 2021.

**Agenda for next month:** At the next meeting we will discuss the preliminary survey results and receive another reopening update.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Gerwatowski