

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Wednesday April 21, 2021, Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

1. Called to order at 5:02 p.m. Present: Bridget Asay (President), Judy Walke (VP), Sue Zeller (VP), Tim Donovan (Treas.) Sarah Seidman (Sec.), Dan Groberg, Craig Line, Craig Durham, Tai Nixa Peterson, Graham Sherriff, Carolyn Brennan, Jessie Lynn. Absent: Penny Marwede, Dan Greene, Jennifer Myka, Bonnie Johnson-Aten
2. Agenda approved by consent.
3. Motion to approve 3.17.21 minutes by Sue Zeller, second by Tim Donovan. Motion carried.
4. Lara Keenan, consultant to the state library system, presented the Board with an expansive overview of libraries' future possibilities.
 - a. The strategic planning process is essential to helping staff determine programs, evaluate their effectiveness, guide advocacy and keep the library relevant to its communities.
 - b. The covid pandemic has altered library spaces and functions, with added emphasis on online programs and resources, curbside and concierge services.
 - c. New trends for libraries include expanding resources, programs, services and access to technology. They might also include more community connections and partnerships on health care, technology tutoring, and social services.
 - d. The physical library space could be re-imagined with more mobile shelving and multi-use furniture and hangout spaces. Some of these new trends are already being explored and implemented by KH staff.
 - e. The strategic planning process, involving community input, will govern what goals make sense for OUR library.
 - f. Keenan said her own view on fine-free libraries is that any library's essential commitment is to free access to information, and that access is limited by the fines structure.
5. The Board held a short but lively discussion on the inherent tension between our historic building and heritage and new innovations that can keep us relevant and useful to our communities, particularly to younger generations.

6. Co-Directors' Report

a. Carolyn Brennan reported that the library has reopened to limited foot traffic. The goal is for reopen for browsing around May 10 and then expand to some post-pandemic level of hours of operation.

b. Jessie Lynn reported she's been busy with the union negotiations and FY2022 budget planning.

7. Bridget Asay reminded committee chairs to complete their 2021 goals list. She noted that there will be a compressed evaluation process for our co-directors this year, in order to renew contracts by July 1.

8. Dan Groberg reported on masonry repair needed on the front steps. Walke moved and Seidman seconded a motion to allow this task to be added as part of the GLL campaign. The motion was withdrawn before a vote. An amended motion, moved by Walke and seconded by Groberg, was to add the masonry repair under the GLL project, with a cap not to exceed \$35,000. Motion carried.

9. The next meeting will be Wednesday May 19, 5 p.m. via Zoom.

10. Adjournment at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Sarah Seidman, Board Secretary