

Approved Minutes March 6, 2025
Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library
Library Board of Trustees Meeting – Special Meeting

Trustee Attendance: Dan McKissack, Patty Wallesverd, Dianna Blicharz, Jeff Boehm, Kathleen Olkowski (Virtual-4:03), Karen Meyer (Virtual)

Absent: Rich Mahlerwein

Other Attendees: Jill Roth

Dan McKissack called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion by Dianna, seconded by Jeff to approve the agenda in any order. All ayes, motion carried.

Candidate Forum: Trustees needed to discuss a change in format for the Candidate Forum. The Brew Station was fine with any format chosen. Patty suggested that the questions be presented to the candidates, who would then type up their answers, which would be made available at the event (**Kathleen joined**). Jeff suggested creating an opportunity for candidates to inform the public on important issues. Dianna proposed giving each candidate a 10-minute time slot, ensuring that all three individuals had the chance to speak. The town treasurer, being an elected position, was also considered for inclusion, with the idea that she should be present and given an opportunity to inform the public. This could potentially encourage people to prepare for the treasurer election as well. Karen inquired about the possibility of changing the date; however, due to spring break and the short notice, this option wasn't available.

The candidates will be asked via email to introduce themselves, explain why they were running, outline their goals, answer questions about the referendum from Teri Maney, and tell the public why they should vote for them. They will be encouraged to add anything else they wish. Trustees will send out the referendum questions and requested typed answers by Monday, the 24th. Dianna will send Teri Maney's questions to Juanita, Brian, and Elisha directly. The candidates will be allotted about 10 minutes for their introductions, during which Juanita can read her response. Following the introductions, a social time was scheduled. No refreshments would be provided by the library, as free popcorn and drinks for purchase are available at the venue. The event will be titled "Meet the Candidates" instead of "Candidate Forum." The library staff will provide Dianna with the press release, which she can then send to Jen West. The staff also plan to put up posters.

There was discussion about whether Teri Maney should be available for questions regarding the school referendum, as it was part of the election. It was decided that inviting her could be perceived as endorsing a position. Since the school had other public events, it was decided not to invite the school.

Juanita requested to leave her materials at the library, but it was suggested that all candidates should be invited to do the same. Dan was tasked with reaching out to the other candidates to inform them.

Comments from public:

Future items:

Next Meeting: Regular meeting on March 18, 2024, 4:00 pm in the lower level of the library and/or via video/teleconference

The meeting adjourned at 4:22PM. Motion by Patty, Seconded by Dianna. All ayes. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Jill Roth, Director