

John Jermain Memorial Library

February ~~January~~ Board Meeting

February 17, 2021

Conducted remotely via ZOOM

I. President Gloria Primm Brown called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Attending were trustees Susan Edwards Michael Garabedian, Nick Knab, Patricia McCormick, Bill McCoy, Ann Sutphen and Bob Weinstein, as well as library director Catherine Creedon. Members of the public: Wonda Miller, Nada Berry.

II. Approval of January Minutes. Motion by Weinstein, second by Sutphen, unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's report. Motion to approve report by McCormick, second by Weinstein, unanimously approved. Treasurer's report attached.

IV. Friends' Report: no meeting was held. The Friends will sponsor a virtual visit to the NY Metropolitan Museum of Art on April 28; the cost is \$10.

V. Director's Report: Creedon noted that, one year ago, JJML hosted 400 people for hot chocolate during Harbor Frost, which was cancelled this year due to Covid. She said she and her staff are looking for ways to re-engage in and deepen the library's relationship with the community when the pandemic is over. Statistics, report, attached.

VI. Committee Reports:

- Buildings and Grounds: no meeting
- Finance: no meeting
- Fundraising: The committee met to discuss community engagement efforts for 2021, including restarting our book give-away depots at the food bank and the laundromat and to reach out to local radio stations.
- Personnel: The committee met to discuss the possibility replacing our outgoing IT staffer with a consultant.
- Policy: The committee met to begin the process of revising the policy manual.
- Parks: Knab reported increased use of the park due to Covid.

VII. Old Business:

- The date for the budget vote/trustee election has been tentatively moved to Thursday, Oct 17, 2021; the candidates' forum will still be held on September 22.
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- VIII. New Business: Creedon noted that New York State has increased paid family leave from 10 to 12 weeks; JJML policy will follow suit as required by law.
 - IX. Public Expression: Nada Berry encouraged the board to consider a small ad buy on WLNG to reach local patrons.
 - X. Motion to adjourn by McCoy, second by Garabedian unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia McCormick, Secretary