

**Goodnow Library Board of Trustees
Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2020, 5:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

Attendance: Alan Gordon (ch.), Lily Gordon, Esmé Green (sec), Ingrid Mayyasi (v. ch.), Barbara Pryor, Marie Royea, Beth Whitlock

Absent: none

Call to order and vote to approve minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting: The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Beth made a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ingrid. So voted.

Director's Report:

Financial Report: As of now, nothing unusual to report. Spending level are appropriate for the time of year.

COVID-19 Update: as of March 16, the library has been closed to the public. The staff is working from home on projects, as appropriate. A spreadsheet of training opportunities has been made available to all staff. They are required to check email daily and make themselves available as necessary.

Macmillan embargo: in an abrupt turnaround, Macmillan announced a reversal of its embargo of e-content to libraries. It has been speculated that the coronavirus pandemic is the cause of the reversal: limiting library content, when virtual access the only access libraries have, is not good publicity. Whatever the cause, it is good news for libraries, and Goodnow will be increasing spending on digital content accordingly.

CPA FY21 Request for Historical Room: the status of this article is up in the air, as Town Meeting has been postponed.

Personnel update: staff are working from home, creating virtual programming, attending various training webinars, purchasing additional online content and producing social media. So far, everyone is continuing to be paid for their regular hours. The Head of Reference Services position has been filled but no start date has been set.

Trustee Report:

Friends: Alan Gordon and Barbara Pryor met with two members of the Friends board, Alice Levine and Jo Travers to begin a conversation about the ongoing issues between the two groups. Len Simon was also present, acting as a mediator. Barbara and Jo took notes and observed, while Alan and Jo laid out grievances and procedures.

Foundation Report: the gala originally scheduled for March has been postponed until October due to concerns of covid-19. Be Bold events, the internship fundraiser and the statue unveiling have also been postponed. Holly Bernene, former GLF president has been permanently appointed development director. The family of Sandra Erdle is asking that donations in her memory be made to the Goodnow Library Foundation.

Old Business:

New business:

Any other items not known 48 hours in advance of the meeting: none.

Adjournment: Beth made a motion to adjourn at 6:00pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2020