Blairstown Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

The regular meeting of the Blairstown Public Library Board of Trustees was held via Zoom on January 5, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Members present: Therese Elliff, Mike Crow, Carrie Smith, Kandee Kaiser, Adam Colbert, Anthony Miller, Jodi Ballard and Library Director Molly Rach Absent: None

A. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Smith.
B. Agenda Approval: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ballard and seconded by Elliff. Motion passed.
C. Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes from the December 2020 meeting was made by Crow and seconded by Ballard. Motion passed.
D. Treasurer's Report
E. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve the bills was made by Kaiser and seconded by Ballard. Motion passed.
F. Budget Review: Rach reviewed the budget with the Board.
G. Public Participation: None
H. Library Circulation Report: Rach reviewed the circulation report with the Board.
I. Pending Library Legislation
J. Library Trustee Training
    a. New Trustees Handbook-2021: Rach informed the Board that a new trustees handbook would be coming out later this month and that she would share copies of it once she received it.
    b. Trustee Training Video: Rach tried to play a trustee training video but had problems with sound. Will send link to board members to watch at a later date.
K. Old Business
    a. Library Appointments: Rach shared with the Board that library appointments are going well and that there has been some increase with visits. Right now she estimates that about half of our patrons are visiting via appointment and many are still choosing to do curbside too. Rach's plan is to keep library appointments and curbside services for the foreseeable future.
L. New Business
    a. State Library Online Resources: Rach noted that our online resources will be changing drastically for next fiscal year. We will be renewing BRIDGES, Brainfuse and Bold 360 Chat. The State Library has appointed a committee to research new online resources for the state. Rach will know more at a later date.
    b. Overdrive Authorization: Rach has submitted information to Overdrive to set up automatic authentication for our BRIDGES with our LIS system.
    c. Libraries Transforming Communities Grant: Rach is looking into this grant for a potential book discussion series.
    d. Peggy Barber Tribute Grant: Rach is applying for this grant in conjunction with the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art to do children's programming about Grant Wood.
M. Director's Report: The library will be hosting a blood drive in the gym on Wednesday, February 3rd. Fingers crossed for good weather! Rach talked about Summer programming for 2021 and mentioned a webinar she went to with the State Library's Youth Services Consultant. The consultant advised participants to consider two plans for summer programming due to all of the unknowns around COVID.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Rach