

## **Blairstown Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Blairstown Public Library Board of Trustees was held on November 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm. Members present: Carrie Smith, Adam Colbert, Anthony Miller, Mike Crow (by phone). Absent: Kandee Kaiser, Therese Elliff

- 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 Colbert and seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- C. Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion to approve the minutes from the October 2021 meeting was made by Miller and seconded by Colbert. Motion passed.
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve the bills was made by Colbert and seconded by Miller. 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. Rach reviewed Chapter 10 of the 2021 Library Trustees Handbook
- K. Old Business
  - a. None
- L. New Business
  - a. Holiday Closings: Rach recommended the following dates for the library to be closed for the holidays: November 25th, 26th, and 27th ; December 23rd, 24th, 25th ; December 31st and January 1st. Motion made by Colbert, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
  - b. New Board Member-Janet Niebuhr: Rach informed the board that city council approved Janet Niebuhr to the library board. Motion made by Colbert, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
  - c. BRIDGES Membership Increase: Rach informed the board that the cost of BRIDGES would be going up next year by \$22.50 due to the increase in the cost of the magazine package. This package gives us simultaneous use to 3,000 magazine titles and does not count against user checkout limits.
  - d. November Booksale: The library's booksale will be held in the community center from November 15th-19th during regular library hours. Set up will be on Sunday, November 14th around 9:30am.
  - e. Christmas Celebration: Rach was approached by the Rec Board about this year's annual holiday celebration. It was agreed that the library would not be hosting Santa and Mrs. Claus again this year due to COVID-19. The library will provide craft bags for the Rec Board to hand out at their celebration on Sunday, December 12th.
  - f. New AWE Learning Center: Rach informed the board that our AWE Learning Center bit the dust and that we need to purchase a new one. Rach got an estimate from the company and with a 10% discount and a \$150.00 credit for our old machine, the cost will still be a little over \$3,000. This estimate is only good through December 30, 2021. It was agreed that we could contribute \$1,000 from our trust fund to help with the cost. Rach will reach out to the Blairstown Foundation to see about help with the cost, as well as other community organizations and businesses.
- M. Director's Report: The library received their code to download the guide for the 2022 Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." The theme has a summer camp vibe and will allow for a lot of fun outdoor activities for the kids.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Rach