

Meeting Minutes

Cromwell Library Commission

Monday October 17, 2022

The Arch Room

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Present: Chairman Kathy Newton, Margaret Colella, Marie Raberto, Megan Blanchette, Karen Spotts, Martha Rennie

Also Present: Library Director Kara Canney, Town Council Liason Paula Luna, Gerald Seagrave

Absent: Barbara Grotheer

Call to order: 6:34PM

1. Approve/Amend: Review minutes from 9/19/22:

- a. Amendment: Pg. 4, number 7 old business – “she also extended an invitation to Naomi, not emailed”; Motion passed for amendment

2. Town Council Liaison

- a. New Construction for Cromwell Middle School – An Architectural Engineering Firm and Project Management Firm were chosen. Construction Manager and Commissioning agent will be selected.
- b. Organizational Cultural Assessment of Town Hall will be done by BerryDunn (company). Organizational funds will be appropriated for capital non-recurring fund to pay for study.
- c. In September Sargent Carlson and Officer Bane (PD), German Shepard competed in 2022 canine Olympics and Officer Bane won first place overall
- d. Paving scheduled to begin around town

3. Citizens Comments: State library still has open positions, currently working under reduced hours due to high numbers of retirements

4. Chairmen Reports: None

5. Library Director:

- a. 12-13 applicants for LTA position
- b. Green house on it's way
- c. Story time set for garden was moved to library today because of weather
- d. Garden continuing to evolve with some indoor pumpkins still growing.
- e. Successful adopt-a-cow by Library through educational program, Fort Hills Farm. Library Director will be finding out calves name tomorrow. Hopeful to organize a group of kids and parents to go-visit-cow.
- f. State Library Court is waiting on pieces from library department.
- g. Phone call from a woman on Lafayette's Trail - they're looking for people to hold programs, money for plaques, to dedicate in partnership with library.
- h. Ken Eldridge (Chief Mechanic for Silver Patricelli) was here Friday morning to talk about air conditioner - he thinks York units were not commissioned correctly and they should

have a longer run time, he's going to partner with York to fix, also looking at putting fans at each of the bays which would need to be added to the budget.

- i. Recording of Pages for State Library about garden will be posted on State Library web page.

Motion passed to accept library director's report

6. **Finance report:** not much left in program subsidies, book budget on track, cost of books has gone up unable to purchase same quantity

Motion passed for finance report

7. Old business

- a. Copy/Fax machine not working properly, large financial investment in upkeep of machine, cannot currently scan to email.
- b. Director Canney ordered hot spots, Ooni Pizza Oven, pasta maker with ravioli accessories in
- c. Technology upgrades ongoing with laptops and iPad
- d. Library previously partnered with Covenant Village to enroll with library card, book pick/up delivery, ongoing relationship building
- e. Debates took place at Chamber of Commerce meeting last week about local election

8. New Business

- a. Winter programming coming out soon, discussions after how to fairly disburse programming but nothing set in stone yet outside of traditional enrollment methods
- b. Library Policy Review – not everyone had received at previous meeting. Will review at next meeting, come with comments, suggestions, and grammar review. Library commissioner having new copies of policies mailed to participants who did not receive them.
- c. Friends Meeting – ideas included a puzzle night as a possible fundraiser

9. **Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting date is Monday, November 14, 2022

10. **Adjournment:** A motion was passed to adjourn this meeting at 7:19PM

Submitted:


Kara Canney -Library Director