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Georgia Public Library Trustee Special Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2020, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Location: via Zoom

Attendees: Bridget Stone-Allard, Gary Deziel, Paula Ralston, Cindy Rutkowski
Absent: Margo Coy, Ben Ebert

Paula called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

1. Additions or deletions of agenda items - add cell phone link to library to Library Director's report
2. Review of June 22nd minutes - Paula moved that the 6/22 minutes be approved as amended, Gary seconded, all approved.
3. Public appearances: None
4. Treasurer's Report: We have about 47% of the budget year left and 45% of the actual budgeted amount left. Gary will contact Amber about a 2021 budget discussion.
5. Library Director's Report: Bridget reviewed how curbside pick was going and said that it is going well but is very quiet as well as the window walk up. Bridget said we should start thinking about library visits via appointment. She will be ordering face shields for all 3 staff and floor stickers for 6 foot distancing. She met with Ben to discuss the plexi glass for the circulation desk. Able's would do installation and purchase for \$1900 which is more than we expected. She will be checking on other possibilities. Right now, it's difficult to plan into the school year as all 3 staff need to see what will be happening with school before they can commit to hours at the library. Summer programming participation is much lower than last summer. Is everyone tapped out with being online? Thanks to Matt and Todd for getting 2 picnic tables in place at the library so that patrons can sit outside to go online. Bridget was not able to retrieve messages from the library answering machine for 10 days, but that has been resolved. The new cell phone (that has been ordered by Amber) will take care of this problem as it will link the library phone to the cell phone. Sara has been working on a GPL newsletter and that should go out to patrons next week.
6. Committee Reports: None
7. Old (unfinished): Paula asked everyone to start thinking about whether we could do a virtual project with the Friends of the Library. Paula will be contacting Susannah Brown about the land we would like to purchase for the ADA project.
8. New Business: None

9. Executive Session: None: ¹
11. Concerns for select board: None
12. Public comment: None
14. Date of next meeting: August 17, 2020 at 6 p.m..
15. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

¹ The only permissible reasons for going into executive session are set forth in 1 V.S.A. § 313. One category, requires the public body to make a specific finding that “premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage” prior to considering one of the following in executive session: contracts; labor relations agreements with employees; arbitration or mediation; grievances, other than tax grievances; pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party; or confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Other things a public body may consider in executive session are: The negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options; The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that the public body makes its final decision to hire or appoint a public officer or employee in an open meeting and must explain the reasons for its final decision during the open meeting; A disciplinary or dismissal action against a public officer or employee; but nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair the right of such officer or employee to a public hearing if formal charges are brought; A clear and imminent peril to the public safety; Discussion or consideration of records or documents that are not public documents under the access to public records act. However, when the board discusses or considers the excepted record or document it may not also discuss the general subject to which the record pertains; The academic records or suspension or discipline of students; Municipal or school security or emergency response measures, the disclosure of which could jeopardize public safety. <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/media/514454/A-GUIDE-TO-OPEN-MEETINGS.pdf>