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<b>DPL TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES</b>	
<b>MAY 13, 2020, VIRTUAL MEETING, 4:00 PM</b>	
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Board of Library Trustees, Dedham
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Monthly Meeting
<b>CO-CHAIRMAN</b>	Margaret Connolly and Mary Ann Sliwa
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Sarah Santos
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Margaret Connolly, Sarah Santos, Mary Ann Sliwa, Monika Wilkinson, Tracy Driscoll, and Amber Moroney
<b>PUBLIC ATTENDEES</b>	Rosemarie Shrewsbury, Ellen Dockham, Mary Ellen Stokes, Marisa Campanella, Laura Bowler, Jeanette Evans, Gianna Bird, Georganna Woods, Kenneth Kelter, Lisa Desmond, Cecilia Emery Butler, Abby Bragg, Julie Harvey

The meeting of the Dedham Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:02pm by Co-Chair, Ms. Sliwa.

**Public Input:**

Mr. Kelter spoke with Ms. Moroney earlier and mentioned his idea about staggering hours for patrons that wish to use the Library.

**Discussion and Vote: Minutes of April 29, 2020**

Postponed vote.

**Discussion and Vote: Financial Report April 2020**

Ms. Connolly made a motion to accept the April 2020 Financial Report. Ms. Driscoll seconded the motion. Role call to accept the financial report Ms. Connolly – yes, Ms. Driscoll – yes, Ms. Santos – yes, Ms. Sliwa – yes, Ms. Wilkinson – yes.

**Discussion Strategic Planning Working Group Pandemic Response:**

Ms. Moroney had a meeting with Dedham reopening committee with Town Manager. New announcements from the Governor will be on Monday, May 18.

Phased work will hopefully soon be in progress with two potential options of staff rotation for opening.

Ms. Driscoll mentioned the buildings won't be open to patrons for at least a month once more information from the state is announced.

Ms. Wilkinson added the staff will be in rotation to maximize safety and adding plexi shields.

**Director's Update:**

Ms. Driscoll stated the possibility of pausing on purchasing of furniture for the children's room because of the pandemic and gathering of patrons in the room. The Trustees understand the Friends of Dedham Public Library want to donate the purchase of the furniture not knowing if they can afford it in the future.

Ms. Moroney added the new furniture would replace items which is currently there, circulation desk, iPad table, children's table and chairs, except for the bean bag chairs, that could be put in storage. Ms. Moroney emphasized the need of the furniture for anytime in the future.

Ms. Wilkinson suggested rethinking the layout and consider the furniture due to the uncertainty in what changes will come in response to the pandemic.

Ms. Sliwa asked if there could be multiple options presented of furniture purchases. She also mentioned making sure this furniture passes with the building inspector.

Ms. Connolly is concerned with the footprint, coloring of the furniture currently chosen. She agrees about having children's chairs but would like to see other options.

Ms. Driscoll asked if this purchase is the best current option, that most of the purchase would be put in storage.

Ms. Moroney mentioned the need to continue the summer lunch program because the Main Library is grandfathered in and would need to serve meals this summer to keep that designated location. She has been in communication with Jeanne Johnson at Dedham Public Schools and the efforts may be combined to offer the same meal options.

Ms. Moroney has been emptying the Main Library book drop daily. There will be an updated sign posted at the Endicott Library.

**Old/New Business:**

Ms. Wilkinson thanked the board, Ms. Moroney, and the staff for attending a variety of webinars related to the pandemic response in order to learn as much as we can about the topi and all work being done.

Next meeting;

Wednesday, May 27 4:00pm

Ms. Wilkson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm. Ms. Driscoll seconded. Roll call Ms. Connolly – yes, Ms. Driscoll – yes, Ms. Santos – yes, Ms. Sliwa – yes, Ms. Wilkinson – yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Santos

