

**MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
7 PM**

Auditorium, MPL  
54 Warrentville Rd.  
Mansfield, CT 06250

Present: Gary Drew; Barbara Katz, Dale Truman, Janet Dauphin, Sheila Quinn Clark, Megan Stanton. Ex officio: Ryan Aylesworth, Leslie McDonough, Emily Tinnel

1. Call to Order

- 7:00 by S Quinn Clark, Chair

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

- None
- Comments from Town Manager
  - Introduction
  - Expressed support for Library Strategic Plan Process

3. Communications

- None

4. Approval of Minutes

a. March 3, 2020

- Approved by consensus

b. June 1, 2021

- Approved by consensus

5. Librarian's Report

- Successful summer reading program

## 6. Old Business

- None

## 7. New Business

### a. Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2021

- March 2, 2021
- June 1, 2021
- September 7, 2021
- December 7, 2021

- Approved by consensus

### b. Library Strategic Plan

- Survey administered
- Areas for strategic plan
  - Arts and Creativity
    - Space
    - Tools
    - Intergenerational and familial activities
  - Civic Engagement
    - Knowledge, skills and social connections
    - Better understanding of issues in town
    - Better understanding of town power structures
  - Critical Literacies
    - Role of Library in literacies and basis to participate fully in society
    - Lifetime learning
    - Connection to learning resources
    - Safe out of school learning
    - Technology and 21st C literacy
  - Inclusion and Belonging
    - Culture and Diversity
    - Welcoming and inclusive space
    - Community building
- SP Approach
  - Not 3-5 years (want to be more responsive to on the ground community need and preference)
  - Create a dynamic document with ‘good bones’
  - Structure plan to the library’s existing approach to community responsiveness
    - Invest energy in what’s working and what

community wants

- Ex: mobile unit to Holinko Estates
- To be structured into library meetings and budget processes
- Continue to pursue how to get library beyond the building and into the community
- Focus Group Conducted by Emily
- Saturday Friends of the Library will be holding a donation drop off

#### 8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- None

#### 9. Adjournment

- Dale motioned to adjourn
- Seconded by Gary
- Adjourned 8:01

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7 PM.