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Minutes for the May 17, 2023 Meeting

Present: Ted Gay, William Hanna, Kevin Downing, Audrey Reese, Jason Cross
Staff: Linda Coelho, Director, Ligia Madeira, Chief of Staff

Ms. Reese called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The April 2023 minutes were presented. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The April 2023 financial report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The April 2023 circulation report was reviewed. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

New Business:

- The patron services assistant position that works in the reference department and the technical services assistant position that works in the technical services department have been filled. The interdepartmental assistant position will be posted, and we hope to fill it soon.
- On May 10, library staff attended Situation Awareness Training conducted at Taunton City Hall during its first annual Safety Awareness Week. This training will be followed by practice drills to better prepare staff in the case of an emergency.
- In doing research into the criteria of what other libraries and the school department uses regarding CORI checks, it was determined that the need for the library to request a CORI from all performers of programs may not be needed. The consistent policy across SAILS library network libraries was that they did not request a CORI because program performers are never alone with children, and are supervised by parents. Mr. Gay made a motion to rescind the Board's previous vote of requesting a CORI check for performers based on the fact that they are not alone with children and have "subject to CORI check" on the auditorium use application instead. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Old Business:

- The side children's room entrance door has been repaired and is fully functional just in time for Youth Services' summer programming.

Friends' Report: The book sales continue to go well which will allow the Friends' to continue to fund many library programs.

Correspondence: none

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.
The next scheduled meeting will be held **Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho