

Town of Kensington
Public Library Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Minutes

Present: Susie Gilbert, Director; Susan Bascom, Trustee and Chairperson; Matthew Dow, Trustee and Treasurer; Amanda Morrill, Trustee and Secretary

Meeting called to order: 4:30 pm

May minutes approved

Statistics:

Visits are up for May and June. Physical circulation steady for May, down slightly in June. Total streaming up from last year. ILL borrowing is down and loaned out is steady. Museum visits are steady.

Budget: Quickbooks report reviewed, budget on track

Past events:

Summer Reading Program- Field day and Mad Science events well attended. 51 adults, 32 teens, and 86 kids signed up so far for summer reading.

May programs- after school programs, Egizia Brown, book club

Upcoming events:

Reading program events throughout the summer- Ice cream social Tuesday August 12th

Friends book sale- August 16th (Kensington Old Home Day), baked goods welcome

Ongoing Business:

-Mah jong continues to be well attended, purchased 4 padded folding chairs to use in place of extra wooden chairs. Susie has someone lined up to lead cribbage in the fall.

-Addition update: starting house parties in August, Susie (and maybe Kristin) will give a presentation in regards to the addition. Flyer made by Patrice Baker to bring awareness to addition.

House tour: raised \$3200 towards addition

-Gift policy approved. Follow-up on appraisal of items in Sawyer room, Susie will meet with Elaine Kaczmarek and Meghan Gross when Meghan returns from vacation

-Boston Aquarium pass: due to high volume, the aquarium will no longer allow weekend use during the summer. They offered refund, trustees agree to keep the pass and track usage for the summer

-Website: Many other libraries also use WordPress, Susie will talk with Molly about possibly revamping the website

New Business:

-? Purchase of gaming device for the library, many local libraries have them for lending and/or in-library use. Pros/cons discussed. Will get more information.

Next meeting: Wednesday August 28th 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:30