

**Board of Library Trustees  
Minutes of Public Meeting May 15, 2019  
Provincetown Public Library**

**Members Present:** Stephen Desroches, Stephen Borkowski, Barbara Klipper, and Paul Richardson.

**Members Absent:** Joan Prugh

**Others Present:** Amy Raff (Library Director).

**1. Call to Order:** Stephen Desroches called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Stephen Desroches stated that the agenda would be followed in the order published.

**3. Approval of Minutes:** Barbara Klipper made a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes. Stephen Borkowski seconded the motion, and it was so voted, 4-0.

**4. Public Statements:** None.

**5. Director's Report:** Director Amy Raff distributed her May Director's Report.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2019 Moby-Dick Marathon. Amy reported that surveys were sent to the readers (via email) and to audience members (via Facebook and the Library's eNewsletter) to get feedback on the Marathon. Of the many responses the surveys generated, one suggestion that was highlighted was the need for a reception following the Marathon so that readers and organizers could engage and interact after the event.

Amy also reported that the Marathon was a success with over 400 in attendance and over 100 readers. The supplementary programs – Mike Dyer's Yankee Whale Art presentation, the Center for Coastal Studies "Where the Whales Are" panel, and Stephen Collins' Melville performance – were also hugely popular and rewarding with over 130 attendees combined.

Barbara Klipper suggested that a large print edition be made available during the Marathon and the Board concurred.

The Board expressed its excitement over the upcoming Provincetown Book Festival, which will feature Andre Dubus III and Chris Castellani in conversation, Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Horwitz in conversation with Doug Mack, a panel of

American America non-fiction writers including Jabari Asim, Kim McLarin, and Akiba Solomon, and a program entitled “In Search of Stonewall” comprised of three writers from *The Gay and Lesbian Review*.

## 6. Old Business

- a. **Rose Dorothea Award:** Amy Raff is still working to secure the selected honoree and will update the Board on her progress.
- b. **Crop Swap Fridge Update:** Amy reported that the Crop Swap Fridge will be placed in the Library’s Tech Office on the first floor. She anticipates the fridge’s arrival within the next few weeks and expects the program to start sometime in the month of June.
- c. **Provincetown History Project Update:** Amy met with the Historical Commission’s Julia Perry and together they decided that the Provincetown History Project will be moved to the Library’s Lower Level. Once an additional outlet is installed, the MIS Department will move the computer and scanner to the Library and Julia will begin to train people on proper procedures.
- d. **Strategic Plan Update:** Amy is in the process of scheduling a Massachusetts Library System consultant to lead the focus groups for the beginning stages of the Library’s Strategic Planning process. Once this consultant is scheduled, Amy will reach out to potential focus group members.
- e. **Other:** Paul Richardson mentioned that he would like the Board to pursue a collection policy for the Library. The rest of the Board agreed.

Amy reported that the Book Bike is still in the works. She hopes that the bike will be ready by Carnival.

## 7. New Business

Stephen Desroches brought up the need for a new Open/Closed sign for the Library. Stephen Borkowski also mentioned the need for new and/or more “No Smoking” signs outside of the building.

The Board also discussed issues with dog waste not being properly cleaned up by owners.

Stephen Borkowski discussed featuring the art housed within the Library on the Library's website.

**8. Adjournment:** Paul Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Klipper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brittany Taylor