

MINUTES  
VOORHEESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
VIRTUAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
24 May 2021

Attending: Bryan Richmond, President; Alan Kowlowitz, Sarah Brunt, Janna Shillinglaw, Belinda Heckler, VP; and Sarah Clark, clerk

Others Attending: Tracey Pause, Assistant Director

Excused:

Call to order 6:30pm

No public comments

The trustees met to discuss the temporary rules concerning covid, that were set at the last regular meeting. Sarah C. reported that the new loosened restrictions at the Library have gone very well this week. What she has seen so far is that most people choose to be masked, even though this has been relaxed. Sarah C. and Tracey have spoken with staff concerning any issues they may have with the relaxing of rules. Sarah C. felt that there was some concern about the youngest patrons, who are not able to be vaccinated. Having patrons self-select to wear masks removes the need for staff to intervene with, and possibly conflict with, patrons. Tracey concurred from her perspective.

Sarah C. and Tracey both attended a virtual meeting on Friday, with the attorney for Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) and Empire State Library Network (ESLN). What they learned is that, whatever we decide regarding mask enforcement is okay, as long as our safety plan is both explicit and made public. Sarah C. asked about having "mask zones" within the Library.

The trustees discussed various options for "mask zones", as well as current and future safety policy.

**M(BR) S(AK) P: CREATE A ZONE WITHIN THE LIBRARY THAT WILL BE "MASK REQUIRED", REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. THAT ZONE WILL BEGIN AT THE DOUBLE DOORS, AND INCLUDE THE KITCHEN, BATHROOMS, HALLWAY, AND COMMUNITY ROOM.**

This will require signage at all doors that says there are "mask required" areas.

No public comments.

No executive session.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 28

M(BR) S(JS) P: TO ADJOURN AT 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Clark, Clerk