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Minutes for the August 3, 2022 Meeting

Present: Ted Gay, Gloria Palmer, Kevin Downing, Patricia Morris, Audrey Reese  
Staff: Linda Coelho, Interim Director

Mr. Downing called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The June 2022 minutes were presented. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Ms. Reese seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The July 2022 financial report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Ms. Morris seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The July 2022 circulation report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Ms. Morris seconded the motion and the Board approved.

**New Business:**

- After a 2 week job posting period, the Library Director applications were presented to the Board for review. Mr. Gay moved that Interim Director Linda Coelho be appointed permanent director of the Taunton Public Library. Ms. Morris seconded the motion and the Board approved. Mr. Downing requested it be on record that the Board's vote on this motion was unanimous.
- The FY23 SAILS library network and SAILS PC agreements were reviewed and signed. This will continue the library's membership in the SAILS library network which provides an inter-library system of lending and borrowing.
- Summer programming in the Youth Services department is in full swing. The new youth services supervisor Ms. Belanger has done a phenomenal job in creating a diverse, fun, and educational schedule of programs, crafts, and activities. Beginning with the summer reading kick-off party, attendance continues to be high. The library registered 258 new patron library cards during the month of July 2022. This is more than double the average, and can be attributed to by the higher attendance due to children's programming and promoting of library services.

**Old Business:**

- The lowest estimate for the repair and replacement of the library stair treads was \$35,770. This includes both the back stairwell and the stacks stairs from top to bottom.

Mr. Gay made a motion to move forward with the project and approve this be paid using state aid funds. Ms. Reese seconded the motion, and the Board approved.

**Friends' Report:** None

**Correspondence:** None

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.  
The next scheduled meeting will be held **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho