

Brooks Memorial Library Technology Committee minutes
August 26, 2020, 4:30 pm via GotoMeeting

No changes or additions to the agenda

Minutes of July 22, 2020 accepted

No public comment

Continuing business:

Website

We looked at screen shots from MRW and discussed. We have concerns about visual accessibility, especially font and contrast. We captured a list of specific issues in a separate document we will share with MRW.

We noted that an editing/commenting portion of project is coming up. How do we bring in meaningful input? "How do you assemble a representative group of library nerds?" MRW might have suggestions on how to gather the most useful feedback from a diverse set of stakeholders to strengthen the editing process.

We noted that the site has to be nimble and able to be easily updated as we respond to changing community needs. Staff training and staff access to effective editing tools will be important.

Zoom technology in the library

Starr investigated the library in State College, PA, that offers public Zoom, and Matt got additional information from TechSoup, the group that offers discounted technology for libraries that was involved with the PA project. The PA library is much bigger, with seven dedicated staff members for the program and ten public zoom "seats" for meetings, but after extensive weighing of costs and benefits, we decided to try a pilot project with several Zoom seats, including one for an administrator, one for library public programs (such as presentations from the Vermont Humanities Council), and at least one for public/private meetings, similar to the booking of physical meeting rooms when the library building is open. Staff working remotely might be able to take an active role in this service.

Discussion of technology budget tabled until next month. It will be a preliminary discussion in preparation for general board budget planning.

Adjourned: 6:01