

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Present: Judith Gevry, Thomas Bruso, Ronald Stack, Christine Sheldon, Cecelia Hunt, and Librarian Carol Scott

Judy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the library.

The minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Chris moved to accept the minutes as written. Thom seconded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Chris. A lengthy discussion was held about encumbered funds. The Board believes that all encumbered funds have been expended. The board reviewed several projects over the course of the past few years that depleted those funds which include the following:

- Faulty pump that caused costly repairs to the downstairs bathroom
- Sprinkler system testing and replacement of parts

Two CDs are coming due and Judy will go to several banks tomorrow to check on the best interest. Since the Library is considered to be a commercial institution, we do not get the better interest rates offered to individuals. Ceil moved to accept the report and Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Librarian's Report

- Ten Book Club members met to discuss A Touch of Moonlight by Yaffa Santos on January 8th over Zoom.
- Automation project continues. Our totals at the end of January were 1356 patrons and 16,869 books entered in the system. In January we added 6 patrons and discarded 4. We also added 39 items to the system and discarded 42 items.
- Our take and make project for January was a 3D snowman. We distributed 60 of them.
- Carl Sbardella came and fixed our sticky door on Friday January 5th.
- Genealogy Club was cancelled on January 5th due to illness.
- Art Club used the meeting room on Monday January 8th. There were 15 members present.
- The Friends met on January 24th. Six members attended. One Book Sale a month was scheduled from February through June. Programs were discussed.
- The February Book Sale will be Wednesday February 28th from 4:30-6:30.
- The Candidate Forum will be held in the Hyde Room on Saturday March 2nd at 1pm.
- Kevin McKrell will be here for an evening of Irish music on Thursday March 7th at 6:30 pm.
- Rockin' Ron The Friendly Pirate will be here on Tuesday April 16th at 10 am.
- Charlie Nardozzi will be here to talk about Ecological Gardening and Companion Planting on Thursday April 25th at 7pm.
- Billings Farm pass cost has been raised to \$250 per year. This is quite an increase. Carol will contact Billings to see if they can lower the cost. If not, the Library will not purchase this pass.
- The State sent correspondence that a check for \$16,000 has been approved. This money is to be used for our Internet connection. The State no longer has the consortium that provided

libraries with this service. We will need to find a service provider prior to July 1, 2024 when our contract through the State consortium is complete.

- The Lift is not working. There is no power. Carol believes that a recent power outage could be the cause. Carol has contacted Garaventa. We have a service contract. Garaventa service person will be here on Wednesday at noon to fix the problem.
- A discussion about repairs was held. Items that need to be addressed include the side entranceway. The whole door frame may need to be replaced. We also have some issues with the bricks on the north side of the building that need to be repaired.
- Ron Stack generously donated all the materials and his labor costs to the Library. This repair came after some water damage. The materials included two wall cabinets, a base cabinet, dry wall and his labor. The total amount of the donation was \$1,831.00. The repairs took place in August of 2023. Ceil will send Ron a thank you letter for his donation of materials and labor.
- Members of the Board thanked Thom for his years of service to the Library Board of Trustees. He will be missed.
- Next meeting will be March 20, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia Hunt, Secretary