

Goshen Public Library Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Minutes

1. Chairwoman Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.
2. **Attendance:** Henrietta Horvay, Chairwoman; Josephine Jones; Patricia Sanders; Anne Green; Lynnette Miller; Johanna Kimball and Tabitha Guarnieri, Library Director.
3. Patricia Sanders moved to accept the Minutes of October 16, 2024. Josephine Jones seconded. All in favor except for Johanna Kimball and Lynnette Miller as they were excused from last month's meeting.
4. **Matters Arising from Minutes:** None.
5. **Directors Report:** Tabitha Guarnieri, Library Director, stated that statistics are about the same as they have been going up and down and evening out because of online usage. (See attached). 136 students visited the Library during school visits. She reported a date change for Wild Turkeys with Ginny Apple, which will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. The harmonica specialist has been scheduled for a date in January 2025. There will be an Ornament and Craft program in December, 2024. Tabitha stated they have been scheduling programs when they have availability to do so.
6. **Acting Treasurers Report:** (See attached). The report was looked over. Lynnette Miller made a motion to receive the Acting Treasurers Report. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.
7. **Presidents Report:** Henrietta Horvay stated there is no new Presidents Report.
8. **Old Business:** Henrietta Horvay stated that the Library will do their own newsletter either in the Spring or Fall of each each year, containing a schedule of Library events for the public. She stated that the cost will be figured out, and what type of postage was used last year for The Friends Newsletter. Henrietta mentioned using bulk mail would be most cost effective. Anne Green moved to accept, Patricia Sanders seconded. All in favor. The schedule of meeting dates for 2025-2026 was accepted. Lynnette Miller asked to be excused for the February 19, 2025 meeting. Josephine Jones moved to accept, Patricia Sanders seconded. All in favor.
9. **New Business:** Henrietta Horvay stated that the Board of Finance moved up the approval of the 2025-2026 budget by 2 months. It will be approved at the December 18, 2024 meeting.
10. **Correspondence:** Henrietta Horvay moved to accept the tabled letter received from Attorney Charles Roraback. Johanna Kimball seconded. Lynnette Miller asked that discussion about the letter be opened. Lynnette stated that there is a Confidentiality Statute for all Connecticut Public Libraries protecting the privacy of the public when using the library. Lynnette expressed concern that the privacy of the public using the public library may not be kept. Lynnette Miller would like the board to send her research write-up, the e-mail correspondence between Tabitha Guarnieri and FOYA, and Attorney Charles Roraback's letter to FOYA. Lynnette would like FOYA to rule on it for the purpose that confidentiality in the Library is understood and spelled out clearly to the Library Board and Library staff. Henrietta Horvay stated that this will be picked back up at our next meeting, and that we will move forward.

11. **Public Comment:** Henrietta Horvay opened up the meeting for public comment. Persons who spoke:

- Cindy Barrett.

12. **Executive Session:** Lynnette Miller moved to review the Library Directors Performance Appraisal. Josephine Jones seconded at 4:54 PM.

13. Motion to go out of executive session by Josephine Jones and seconded by Anne Green at 5:43 PM.

14. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM., motion by Anne Green and seconded by Johanna Kimball.

Respectfully Submitted,



Willow P. Scott
Board and Commission Clerk

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk