

Goshen Public Library Board of Directors
Wednesday, May 15, 2024
Minutes

1. Chairwoman Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
2. **Attendance:** Henrietta Horvay, Chairwoman; Josephine Jones; Patricia Sanders; Johanna Kimball; Lynette Miller; Anne Green; Tabitha Guarnier, Library Director
3. Patricia Sanders moved to accept the **Amended Minutes of April 17, 2024**. Josephine Jones seconded. All in favor. Discussion was held on corrections to be made to the minutes. Josephine Jones **moved** to accept the Second Amendment to the April 17 minutes. Patricia Sanders seconded. All in favor. Lynette Miller **moved** that we fully amended the minutes and the fully amended minutes be posted on line and all others be removed. Johanna Kimball seconded. All in favor.

Josephine Jones moved to accept the **Minutes of May 3, 2024**. Seconded by Johanna Kimball. Corrections: **Item 4 second paragraph** Boad should read Board

- **Item 4 first paragraph** "She gave packets for distribution to each of the members of the Library Board to be reviewed and for them to respond to at the next meeting.

Josephine Jones moved to accept the corrected minutes. Seconded by Lynette Miller. All in favor.

4. **Matters Arising from Minutes** Anne Green **moved** that we accept the correspondence in consideration. Seconded by Lynette Miller. All in favor.

5. **Director's Report:** Tabitha Guarnier, Library Director, the programs are about the same as they usually are. The art exhibit, kid's art, was special and drew more patrons in and prettied up the library. The stats are still going up. A huge jump on hits on the website. June 10th will be the Summer Reading kick-off date. Discussion about the budget. Patricia Sanders **moved** to accept the Director's Report. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.

6. **Acting Treasurer's Report:** The report was looked over. It was noted that the Harmon Fund and the Library Fund are both up. Johanna Kimball **moved** to receive the Acting Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.

7. **President's Report:** Mrs. Horvay reported that she has been researching the Board minutes from 1999 to present to find out how the Friends of the Library was established. Next meeting she will give a summary on the Friends of the Library and some parts of procedure. She was given a copy of By-Laws for the Friends of the Library. There has not been any real reports given to the Library Board of Directors since Pat Reilly and Jeff Johnson had stepped down as members. She passed out a letter from the attorney about Fiduciary Responsibilities of the Board. She hopes that this will help move everything forward and that the Board, Friends and staff will all get along again.

Johanna Kimball **moved** to accept the verbal report. Seconded by Anne Green. All in favor.

8. Old Business: Receive response to Challenge of Gender Queer: Josephine Jones **moved** to receive Tabitha's letter. Seconded by Lynette Miller. All in favor

Discussion and approval of Association of Connecticut Library Board Membership

Application 2024 The Board of Directors have been members going back many years. We receive a quarterly magazine. The dues went from \$50 up to \$100 a few years ago. Johanna Kimball **moved** to approve the Application of Association of Connecticut Library Board Members for 2024. Seconded by Anne Green. All in favor.

Matter on the table; Placement of Gender Queer book. Discussion was had about Board responsibilities vs Directors responsibilities. Tabitha Guarnier stated that she has placed the book in the Adult Non-Fiction Collection Section shelved according to the Dewey Decimal system. This section is located in the upstairs section.

Lynette Miller asked for a roll call vote.

Lynette Miller **moved** to have a vote of the Library Board of Directors to place the book on the top shelf with a dummy book, exact same book that I will pay for it, in the lower location if it is on a lower shelf indicating the book is on the top shelf with the exact same jacket of the book and the Dewey Decimal number on it. Seconded by Anne Green. **In favor:** Lynette Miller and Anne Green; **Against:** Josephine Jones, Johanna Kimball, Patricia Sanders, Henrietta Horvay. Motion fails

Josephine Jones **moved** to leave the book, Gender Queer, on the shelf where Tabitha says it belongs, in the Adult Non-Fiction section upstairs. Seconded by Johanna Kimball. **In favor:** Josephine Jones, Johanna Kimball, Patricia Sanders, Henrietta Horvay **Against:** Lynette Miller **Abstained:** Anne Green. Motion carries.

9. New Business: Jeff Johnson, Friends of the Goshen Public Library. Jeff Johnson was introduced and passed out the By-laws of the Friends of the Goshen Public Library and two agreements governing the funds. The Friends were founded in 2002. Discussion ensued about the creation of the Friends and their purpose. The Friends are responsible for the Annual Book Sale at the Goshen Fair, the proceeds help with purchase of the passes that the Library hands out, snacks for programs, and some of the programs. In 2006 there were two funds set up with \$5000 each one in Torrington and Waterbury Community Funds. The Library Board of Directors had done Wine Tastings in the past and the funds were given to the Friends.

10. Correspondence: Patricia Sanders **moved** to accept the letter from the attorney in regards to Fiduciary and Other Responsibilities of Board Directors. Seconded by Henrietta Horvay. All in favor. Letter is attached.

Lynette Miller **moved** to accept the letter Henrietta Horvay received regarding Friends of the Goshen Public, Inc. – Expectations and Concerns. Seconded by Patricia Sanders. All in favor. Letter is attached.

11. **Public Comment:** People who spoke:

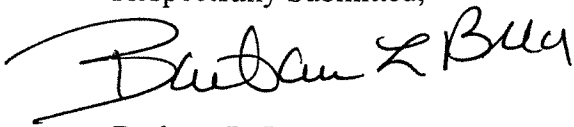
- Charlotte Jones
- Scott Olson
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- Scott Fellows
- Don Wilkes
- Anne Kelly

Anne Green left the meeting at 6:15 pm

12. **Any Other Business:** none

13. **Adjournment:** Lynette Miller **moved** to adjourn at 6:18 pm. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara L. Breor
Clerk Pro-Tem

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asst. Goshen Town Clerk