

Goshen Public Library Board of Directors
Monday, February 3, 2025
Special Meeting Minutes

1. Chairwoman Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

2. **Attendance:** Henrietta Horvay, Chairwoman; Josephine Jones; Patricia Sanders, Lynette Miller; Linda Benedict, Library Director, Anne Green (zoom and signed in at 2:21 pm)

Excused: Johanna Kimball

3. **ALA Video** – Intellectual Freedom: Chairwoman Henrietta Horvay stated the individuals were going to watch the movies on their own. A consensus was done to receive feedback:

Josephine Jones watched and stated she felt it was geared more to staff than board members. She felt it was informative.

Johanna Kimball will watch it independently

Patricia Sanders: found it informative

Lynette Miller: felt it was clear that confidentiality is a stringent policy for all libraries to follow.

Library Director Linda Benedict has not had a chance to watch it yet.

Josephine Jones made a motion to table any further video discussion till a regular meeting. Seconded by Patricia Sanders. All in favor.

4. **Capital Budget.** Library Director Linda Benedict submitted a 5 year capital Plan (see attached). Linda stated that she had met with the Town IT. They said they can refurbish the computer and get another 3 – 4 years out of the computer for \$599 each. New is \$800 - \$1000 per unit. This does not include the printer upgrades or Firewall protection.

There is money in the 2024/2025 capital budget for 3 computers, 1 laptop and Firewall protection.

Anne Green entered the meeting via Zoom at 2:21 pm.

Linda continued to state that in 2027/2028 the Library will be looking at a new copier/fax machine.

Lynette Miller made a motion to accept the capital budget with the 2027/2028 added. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.

5. Library Confidentiality: Lynette Miller led discussion about Library Confidentiality, FOI, and CGS 11-25. There are a number of State Statutes that are exempt from FOI and 11-25 is one of them.

Patricia Sanders noted that the Library Policy does address confidentiality.

Linda Benedict was asked her opinion. She stated that confidentiality is the backbone of the library and she has watched many court cases about it. She went on to state that it does not need to be codified because it is State law and the Patriot Act proved that the Library could not be forced. She will be having her first staff meeting and it will be brought up. She stated she would like to buy a poster to be hung by the door as you walk in to state:

Confidentiality

Privacy

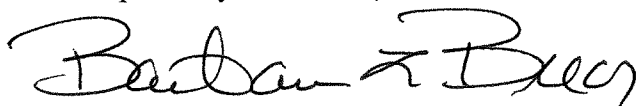
Respect

With the library logo

Patricia Sanders made a motion to approve the purchase of the poster. Seconded by Lynette Miller. All in favor.

6 Adjournment: Lynette Miller made a motion to adjourn at 2:49 pm. Seconded by Josephine Jones. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara L. Breor
Clerk Pro-Tem

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