Douglas Library Board Meeting   April 10, 2024
Present: Bunny McGuire, chair; Charlie Adams, Bonnie Kinsman, Laura Leiftert, Laura Morales-chapell, Carol Schulz, Rose Lopez, Melanie Neely, Norma DeMay, Library Director.

Minutes of the March 2024 accepted as read.

Old Business:
Appeal balance: $13930.

2nd Floor Discussion: Greg and Kaitlyn Karcheski will attend the June board meeting to further discuss potential uses/changes to the upstairs of the building. Members liked the idea of a kitchen for library and community events but were not in favor of hosting baby showers and birthdays. Members also liked the idea of providing more study areas for patrons.

New Business:
Plant Sale Planning: Carol has talked to Rachel Freund regarding the plants; Rachel asked for a list of desired plants. Members will be ready at 8am on Saturday, May 18 for transport and setting up tables. Laura M. will contact Fran about HS volunteers for heavy lifting. Laura Leifert offered her vehicle for a tailgate book sale at the Vendors fair being held in the community parking lot that day.

Finances: The budget request of $97,740 was sent to the town; Melanie will check to see what the raise increase is for town employees.

Librarian's Report: Two young women removed the glass jar of donations on a recent Friday during story hour. There was only about $10 in the jar. Norma has met with both the resident trooper and a state trooper to have these young women trespassed from library property. Norma did find the stolen donation box stolen earlier on the far side of the bank. Laura Leifert suggested more use of the cameras during daytime.

Events:
Pete Vermilyea will give a talk on his recent book on the civil war in Litchfield County on Friday, May 3 at 7PM. Tim Abbott will give a history talk on Friday, June 7 at 7PM.
The Medicare information sessions were a success, especially the Medicare 101 introduction class. The presenter would like to do regular info sessions at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma

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Library Director