

Scotland Library Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 3/8/2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Gagnon at 7:04pm. In attendance: Theresa Lambert, Leahbeth Scandura, Jenna Aldrich, Brenda Gagnon, Joanne Todd, Beth Delaney, Charlotte McLevy, Bobbie Maschka, Mary Geragotelis, and Angela Maschka.

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: Carol Withington and Peg Perry proposed several ideas for the library's 125th Anniversary Celebration. Carol also proposed dedicating the library children's room to Celeste Jakubowski.

Brenda Gagnon motioned to add the children's room dedication to New Business. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the February meeting were read. Brenda Gagnon requested a correction to the Audience for Citizens to include the addition of Jenna Aldrich. Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Theresa Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial report was given by Leahbeth Scandura. Bobbie Maschka made a motion to accept and Theresa Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Geragotelis gave the director's report with circulation statistics. Attendance was up from January despite several closures for weather and holidays. Story Time had 10 participants at the last session. The library received a donation of board games from the Spiel Foundation. Motion to accept by Theresa Lambert and seconded by Leahbeth Scandura. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Money Concepts emailed the board proposing that they upgrade the trust to 'moderate risk' due to inflation. Joanne Todd moved to accept the upgrade. Theresa Lambert seconded. Motion carried.

The new water fountain has been delivered and is now waiting for installation.

UConn seed distribution will be half of original request due to demand. Angela Maschka will pick up the donation in March. The library will post a request to social media for donations from the community. Beth Delaney offered sharing some of the seed donations received by

Canterbury. Jenna Aldrich suggested educational information be displayed/offered, and also suggested a seed saving workshop over the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jenna Aldrich and Beth Delaney have joined the library board. Welcome to both!

Mary Geragotelis presented the 2022/2023 proposed library budget. Discussion ensued on the upcoming increases to minimum wage in July 2022 and June 2023. Theresa Lambert motioned to accept the budget with the addition of salary increases of 4% to Director, Assistants and Janitor due to the anticipated minimum wage increases. Leahbeth Scandura seconded. Motion carried.

The board discussed the ideas proposed by Carol Withington and Peg Perry for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. The date for the event was set for June 4, 2022, with a rain date of June 11, 2022. Donations will be requested for the library's Adopt-A-Book program with the goal of raising enough funds to adopt 125 books. Joanne Todd proposed approving a budget of \$500, to come from the trust, to fund the event, seconded by Theresa Lambert. Motion carried.

The board discussed the proposal to dedicate the children's room to Celeste Jakubowski. It was approved, pending discussion with Celeste's family.

Theresa Lambert made a motion to adjourn with Joanne Todd seconding. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned by Brenda Gagnon at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Maschka