Scotland Library Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 11 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Gagnon at 7:03pm. In attendance: Brenda Gagnon, Bobbie Maschka, Leahbeth Scandura, Mary Geragotelis, Linda Segar, Charlotte McLevy, Joanne Todd and Angela Maschka.

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial report was given by Leahbeth Scandura. Joanne Todd made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Bobbie Maschka seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Geragotelis gave the director's report with circulation statistics. The summer reading program began in June, and Mary provided attendance for the programs to date. Mary is still reviewing the collection and conference room policies. The collection policy is a priority for grant funding, and must be completed by November. Joanne Todd noted that the Louis L'Amour donation was covered in The Chronicle. Motion to accept by Angela Maschka and seconded by Brenda Gagnon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trust: Updates were given in the treasures report. Mary shared documentation related to a previous question regarding the change of investment firms in 2019; Andy D'Elia was notified of the change at the time.

Mural: The local muralist is still interested and will reach out when she is available.

Budget: The 2023/2024 budget passed the town meeting. There was some confusion about the staff pay increases, as Mary was asked to provide two different increases to the town. The lower increase was presented at the town meeting and passed.

Poet Laureate: The Poet Laureate cover letter was reviewed and discussion was held on a deadline and contact for submissions. Joanne Todd motioned to move forward with recruiting a town poet laureate and to use the cover letter in the recruitment process. Leahbeth Scandura seconded. Motion carried.

Highland Festival: Preparations are under way and volunteers are need to bake shortbread, donate water bottles and work at the information booth.

Book Sale: The book sale will take place Saturday November 18th. Donations of books, puzzles and dvds are still needed.

EV Charging Station: Work has started but is not yet complete. Brenda noted that the Board of Selectmen are still debating the cost to users.

Policies: see Library Director's report

NEW BUSINESS:

 $Sharon\ George\ is\ donating\ an\ azalea\ plant\ for\ the\ front\ of\ the\ library.\ Thank\ you,\ Sharon!$

The parking lot lights are still malfunctioning due to an issue with the control program. Mary will contact the town maintainer again.

Joanne Todd made a motion to adjourn. Leahbeth Scandura seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Brenda Gagnon at 7:51pm.

Respectfully submitted, Angela Maschka