Thomaston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday October 7, 2025

Attendance: Debbie April, Jen Delaney, Melanie Dobos, Patrick Hyres, Barbara Lee, Phyllis Nardella, Kathleen Reynolds, Kate Sileo, Katherine Turner
Also in Attendance: Amy Schumann

Not in Attendance: Laura Busk, Allyn Manning, Mary Ann Hyres

Call to order: 6:02 pm. Since all officers except Kate Sileo (busy with minutes) were not present at start of meeting, Kathleen Reynolds agreed to lead meeting.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Debbie, second by Patrick. All approved.

Communications: We got a thank you note from Jaqueline Phillips, scholarship recipient

Public Comment: none

Directors Report: Book sale did well. Julia working well with Melissa on programs, collaborating on some mixed-age events. Wine glass painting class fundraiser for the Friends & programming will take place at library in November. We will probably need to ask the Board of Finance for additional building issues. Motion to accept directors report by Kathy, second by Patrick, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: We are a bit below spending the book line as we are transitioning have a new vendor for books. We will mostly be using Brodart moving forward.

Committee Reports:
Steering: Amy will see if we can access Laura Andrews monies and what the procedures will be moving forward. We will decide what we will use it for at this point.

Maintenance: Some of the brickwork has been repaired. Amy will follow with Joe regarding brickwork as it has not been fully completed. We are still waiting on Eversource regarding tree trimming.

Budget: The committee will try to meet next month, November 4th at 5 PM

Personnel: none

Bylaws: Meeting set up for this Saturday at 10:10 AM

Long-range planning: Amy has had meetings with Erica and Maxine. There will be focus group meetings that will occur soon. One meeting will be with the eighth graders at the school and another group with younger adults (20--30-year-olds) at Clocktown Brewery. There will also be a focus group with parents and young children, hopefully with assistance of Play and Learn. There will be a "working group" that meets with the town members and vendors. There will be 10 interviews and four focus groups. There will be a staff focus group next Wednesday. The community survey should happen in November. Community Advisory Council meetings will occur in early 2026. We will all get the timeline for what is required emailed to the board before the next meeting.

Old Business: none

New Business: Amy discussed all new policies. Collection and Maintenance Policy discussed; motion to accept by Patrick, second by Kathy Turner; Material Review and Reconsideration Policy; motion to approve by Debi, second by Barbara. Reconsideration Form Policy motion to accept by Patrick; second by Debbie; Material Display Policy motion by Patrick, second by Debbie; Programming Policy discussed, and conversation ensued regarding using bequest monies. Was decided this discussion wasn't pertinent to policy, and we will need to revisit this as we move forward and speak with The Friends. Programming policy approved. All policies were unanimously approved. Motion to place Phyllis in the chairman's seat in the absence of our current chair, Mary Ann. Motion by Kathleen, second by Debbie. All in agreement.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kathleen; second by Patrick, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Sileo
Secretary