Thomaston Public Library
Library Board of Trustees
Sept 1, 2026
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Attendance: Melanie Dobos, Kate Sileo, Allyn Manning, Michelle Brady, Shanelle Dupre, Kathleen Reynolds, Kathy Turner, Debbie April, Phyllis Nardella, Joe Calabro

Not in Attendance: Barabara Lee, Patrick Hyres
Also in Attendance: Amy Schumann

Call to order: 6:02 PM

Approval of minutes: August minutes approved by Kathleen, second by Allyn. Motion to accept as amended with a date change. All in favor, motion carries

Communications: We received $5000 for books from Cynthia Moniz.

Public Comment: none

Directors Report: Amy stated it was possible the work necessary to fix the alarm and electrical system after the presumed lightning strike may be covered by insurance. We still have some grant monies which will be used for community projects. A motion to approve by Phyllis, second by Kathleen. All were in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed by board. Motion to approve by Michelle second by Debi. All in favor, motion carries. Checking accounts reviewed. The bequest money from Frances Skerstonas has been invested at TSB. Budget YTD reviewed. Holdings and earnings in our investment accounts reviewed by Allyn. Alison from TSB will join us in an upcoming board meeting.
Grant summaries: Discussed grant monies for items such as conference rooms, shrubs, bathrooms, children's toys, etc. The goal is to use grant monies first. Priorities for upcoming work is for the bathrooms. Motion to use monies and give Amy control to complete the bathroom project up to the amount of $10,000 in accordance with ADA and OSHA. Motion by Shanele and second by Kathy. All in favor, motion carries.

Committee Reports:

Steering: October meeting will include the company who performed the long-range strategic plan. A summary will be provided.

Maintenance: door counters installed but having difficulties due to WIFI issues. We are waiting on quotes to fix our swinging mechanism on the doors. We do have some money in a capital account which we can use towards this work.

Budget: none

Personnel: Policies reviewed. Amy will check on the correct number of personal days and report next month.

Bylaws: none

Long-range planning:

Old Business: Shelving project ready to be scheduled.
OSHA- Children's room cleaned and conference room continues to be cleaned. The copier needs to be moved out of the space. Amy will work on donating it elsewhere.

New Business: Motion to amend the job posting for the library to include the words required and preferred. Motion by Allyn, second by Shanelle. All in favor, motion carried.
Discussion of bequest funds. No decisions made. Shanelle provided insight from the Friends meeting. The Friends are looking for more monies from the library to provide additional programming. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Kathleen, second by Kathy. All in favor 7:43pm

Respectfully submitted, Kate Sileo, secretary