



Diane Giarrusso, Library Director

Meeting: 12/13/2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Local History Room

Members Present: Bonnie Page, Patrick Joyce, Julie Naughton, Sue Pedersen and Lori Carriere

Also Present: Diane Giarrusso, Nicole Goolishian and Jeannine Briley

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Patrick Joyce.

Minutes:

Sue Pedersen made a comment about the wording with minutes; no changes were made. A motion was made by Bonnie Page, seconded by Sue Pedersen, to accept the minutes of 11/15/22. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Directors Comments:

- There are firm dates for the carpeting project. We will not close the Library, but the 2nd floor is not available. The same pattern will be on the 2nd floor and a herringbone pattern for the Meeting Room.
- Joseph Fiumara will need a hip replaced and we are getting some extra help with the facilities.
- The TPL Reading Challenge is back and using Beanstalk for logging and a paper log. The challenge is to read 20 books.
- The Director went on to explain the division of the 3 grants for the State Aid, The NRC, MEG and LIG. There are no restrictions on how we use our State Aid money.
- The Director announced that the Librarians will be coming to future Trustee Meetings to talk about what they do at the TPL. January through April are scheduled to come and adding a few more. In January, Jeanne Swartz our Circulation Supervisor will attend the meeting.

2023 Holiday Closings and Staff Trainings:

A motion was made by Lori Carriere, seconded by Bonnie Page to approve the 2023 Holiday Closings, with the ability to add the additional day for Veteran's if necessary. The motion was passed unanimously. We will be closed on Saturday next year for Veteran's Day.

Reporting of the Friends Meeting: Sue Pedersen reported on the December meeting:

- The Director assured the Friends that the 2022 programming budget was not being overspent. The Friends Treasurer and Robert Hayes are meeting to clarify the expenditures.
- The 2023 programming budget was proposed at \$21,250.00 and the Friends stated that they do not have the money to fund the current budget amount for much longer. At the meeting, the Director stated her confusion that the statement was in conflict with the accounting of how much

money was currently available to the Friends. The Friends then took a roll call vote and unanimously approved the request from the Director.

- No new fundraisers planned are currently planned.
- The Director is trying to set some other funding pieces in place, as to not be so dependent on the Friends. The fluctuations from year to year put a lot of pressure on the volunteer board to fundraise for the level of programming the library offers.
- Lori Carriere asked if the Friends could reach out to some of these larger companies that have an obligation to give back to the community and give an annual donation to the Friends of the Library. Julie Naughton suggested using Savers for a fund raiser also.
- The Director suggested a possibility of assigning a Liaison from The Friends to attend the Trustees Meetings and give their report which does happen in some communities.
- Sue Pedersen suggested running a T-shirt Fundraiser from Open Spaces.
- Lori Carriere will attend January, Julie Naughton will attend February, and Chris Castiglione will attend March.

Member Comments:

- Bonnie Page will not attend the Trustees meeting in January.
- Patrick Joyce had a question about reading books that are in a series, and why aren't all books at one Library. The Director responded that most libraries don't have all the copies in a series. There are many reasons for that such as books being weeded due to poor conditions, books that are lost, and most often, being out of print and unavailable for the library to buy. We readily take suggestions for the Library to buy books that are wanted and are happy to get books for anyone from any library that will lend to us.

Public Comments: None

Future Meetings:

January 10, 2023

February 14, 2023

March 14, 2023

Lori Carriere made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bonnie Page seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by BLT for 12/13/22 Minutes on 1/10/23

Handouts: Monthly Calendars and the Director's Report 1/10/2023