

Library Board of Trustees
Somers Public Library
April 16, 2024

Members present: Catherine Embriano, Lisa Gladysz, John Kelleher, Jack Kertenis, Ann Levesque, Marybeth Marquardt, Bob Socha
Absent: Mike Gruber, Andy Phillips
Also present: Joanne Nichting, Library Director

Jack Kertenis served as chairperson in Andy Phillips' absence. He called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

First Audience to Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting were presented and reviewed. Mr. Socha moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Embriano. Abstentions: Mr. Kelleher, Ms. Marquardt. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Nichting presented the Treasurer's report. She noted that the value in the Schwab account dropped a bit and that the library continued to receive donations in memory of Carol Palomba. She also reported that the actual expense for the Teen Room painting was less than originally estimated. The report will be filed for audit.

Financial Business:

The FY24 year to date financial report was presented by Ms. Nichting. Expenses are in line with where they should be at this time of year. There was nothing notable to report. The report will be filed for audit.

As follow up to a previous meeting, the Board discussed the amount of endowment income that can be spent in the fiscal year based on the endowment rules. Ms. Gladysz explained the income elements and time period for the calculation based on past practice. The consensus is that the rules are not completely clear as written. It was agreed that the Investment Committee should convene to review the rules and potentially propose an amendment to clarify the language.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

Ms. Nichting provided updates on the Teen Room renovations after which the Board toured the library to see the Teen Room and the new murals in the Children's Room.

New Business:

Guinea Pigs – Based on the popularity of the baby chicks, Ms. Nichting proposed that the library adopt 2 female guinea pigs. Care and cleaning will be provided by the library staff. Mr. Socha moved in favor of the guinea pigs and to spend up to \$400 for cage and supplies to get started. Seconded by Ms. Embriano. Motion passed.

Mr. Socha inquired about the status of the vending machine and the Angel Fund donation/Somers fire victims. Ms. Nichting noted that there were some delays in the vending machine installation. If progress isn't made soon, she may have to find another vendor. She will inquire about the Angel Fund status and report back next month.

Director's Report:

Ms. Nichting presented her Director's Report to the Board, which included general library information, program attendance, circulation, meeting space usage, and other updates on library happenings. The report was accepted as presented.

Second Audience to Citizens: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM. The next meeting will be May 21, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gladysz

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