

Library Board of Directors  
Somers Public Library  
September 13, 2021

Members present: Lisa Gladysz, Gene Grayson, Mike Gruber, Dave Marti, Andy Phillips, Sharon Renzoni, Bob Socha, Shirley Warner  
Absent (excused): Bonnie Mazzoli  
Also present: Marie Stromwall, Interim Library Director

Chairperson Andy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting were presented and reviewed. S. Renzoni moved to approve the minutes; seconded by S. Warner; abstention: B. Socha. Approved.

*First Audience to Citizens:* None

*Correspondence:* The library received two items of correspondence – a window washing reminder postcard and the latest newsletter from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB).

*Treasurer's Report:*

The Treasurer's Report was distributed by S. Renzoni. She reported that the checking account balance is getting low and another transfer from the Schwab account is needed. S. Renzoni made a motion to transfer \$5,000 from the Schwab account to the checking account. Seconded by G. Grayson. Motion passed. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

*Financial Business:*

Invoices were presented for authorization. L. Gladysz made a motion to approve the invoices presented for payment; seconded, S. Renzoni. Approved.

The final June budget to actual report for FY2021 was distributed, along with a full summary of the 2020-21 library board expenditures which were prepared by J. Miller before her resignation. In addition, M. Stromwall presented the July & August budget to actual report. She highlighted the spend for automated services which stands out as the majority of this expense occurs at the onset of the new fiscal year. The reports will be filed for audit.

*Committee Reports:*

*Friends of the Library Liaison* – M. Stromwall reported that the FOL were meeting at the same time as this month's Board meeting, but that the dates for the next book sale were set: October 15, 16, and 17. After discussion, the Board decided that the library will not open on the Sunday of the book sale. No motion was necessary as there is no deviation from the library's current hours.

*Strategic Planning Committee* – G. Grayson reported that the committee plans to present their findings and strategic plan once a new Library Director is installed, as he/she will be instrumental to the plan execution.

*Old Business:*

Policy review – Due to the unexpected resignation of J. Miller, the focus shifted over the summer from policy review to recruitment for a new Library Director. A. Phillips noted, however, that a full review of all Library policies would be prudent to ensure policies contain the most current best practices and reflect changes in any applicable laws. This effort will begin once a new Director is hired.

ARPA Grant – M. Stromwall reported that the grant proceeds were received and funded items are slowly being received, including air purifiers, hand sanitizer stations, acrylic partitions, and a self-checkout station, among others.

*New Business*

Library Director Search – A. Phillips reported that a search committee has been formed, seven applications were received, interviews conducted, and narrowed down to one candidate. References are currently being checked. Assuming all continues to go well, a special Board meeting may be called to introduce the candidate to the Board for additional questions and confirmation of the hire.

Eagle Scout Project – A. Phillips was contacted by a Boy Scout in town inquiring about any library needs that could possibly be filled by an Eagle Scout project – ideally something that can be built. M. Stromwall and the Board members were asked to give it some thought and send any ideas to A. Phillips.

*Director's Report:*

M. Stromwall elaborated on her written report, which outlined all the activities, maintenance, programs, and other activities during the summer months. She also reported on attendance at various library-related meetings by J. Miller prior to her departure. The report was accepted as presented.

*Second Audience to Citizens:* None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. Next meeting will be October 4, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Gladysz

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