

Library Board of Trustees  
Somers Public Library  
March 21, 2023 Meeting

Members present: Eugene Grayson, Mike Gruber, Jack Kertenis, Kathryn Lerz, Ann Levesque, Andy Phillips, Bob Socha, Shirley Warner  
Absent (excused): Lisa Gladysz  
Also present: Joanne Nichting, Library Director

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

*First Audience to Citizens:* Andy Rockett and E. Grayson spoke about creating a Vanguard fund named the John Rockett and Family Fund. Vanguard needs information about who will be on the account. The reconciliation was passed out. Andy mentioned that the family is happy with the fund. Library will get \$472.16.

*Approval of Minutes:* Minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting were accepted as amended. "B. Socha noted that since Sonitrol was excessively late to Joanne's scheduled meeting regarding Camera issues, he was unable to meet at the library to discuss lock issues. Sonitrol's locksmith showed up several days later unannounced and Joanne approved magnet replacement at \$854.25. Motion made: J. Kertenis, Seconded: A. Levesque, Abstentions: S. Warner Passed. Unanimously

*Correspondence:* None

*Treasurer's Report:*

The Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. The Schwab schedule report was modified and a detailed report will be shared quarterly. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

*Financial Business:*

The FY23 year to date financial report was presented by J. Nichting. A new heating bill arrived today. Overspending in heating and supplies will be offset by other lines. The report will be filed for audit.

*Committee Reports:*

**Building Committee:** B. Socha negotiated the locksmith bill via Sonitrol down by 10%.

**FOL:** J. Nichting shared report. Friends are planning a house tour for Sept. 23. Discussion of possible homes. Book sale will be April 21-23. Planning a number of programs: History of G Fox and others. Renewed Mark Twain House pass. Board discussed an "Appreciation Party" event for friends in the future.

*Old Business:*

**People counter** seems to be working more accurately. Joanne tested it and it appeared to be off by only one. It is OK for now, but will check later

**Sonitrol:** Motion made to resolve Sonitrol issues with panic/lockdown buttons. Joanne and Bob will work with Sonitrol to draft plan. Board authorizes spending to \$1255 pending successful testing of the system. Motion: J. Kertenis. Second: M. Gruber. Passed unanimously.

*New Business:*

**Landscape contract:** Joanne spoke with Bruce from DPW. New quote from the contractor shows an increase of \$224.22 from last year. Joanne will check with DPW about what services can be performed by DPW and can be eliminated from the contract and what would be considered above and beyond the normal scope of other buildings in town.

*Director's Report:*

J. Nichting presented her Director's Report to the Board, which included general library information, program attendance, circulation and other statistics. The report was accepted as presented.

B. Socha commended Joanne for her work and innovative ideas. It was agreed that programming is breathing new life into the library.

*Second Audience to Citizens:* None

Executive Session: J.Kertenis motion. B. Socha 2nd. Passed unanimously.

End executive session and adjourn: E. Grayson motion. K. Lerz 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59. Next meeting will be April 18, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Warner

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