

Library Board of Trustees
Somers Public Library
March 19, 2024

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

Chairperson Andy Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

First Audience to Citizens: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February 20, 2024 meeting were presented and reviewed. Ms. Levesque moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Embriano. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Nichting presented the Treasurer's report in Ms. Marquardt's absence. She noted that the investments in the Schwab account are doing well and that donations are still being received in memory of Carol Palomba. 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.

Committee Reports:

Friends of the Library – Mr. Kertenis reported on the recent FOL meeting, noting that all of Ms. Nichting's funding requests were approved. He noted that the Friends considered setting up their own social media accounts, but opted to rely on the library's tools to promote their programs. The spring book sale will be 4/19 – 4/21/24. He also reported that the Friends are considering a continuous book sale rather than a twice annual one. Ms. Nichting indicated that lack of available storage is a concern for the library. The Friends will poll the book sale patrons at the spring sale to gauge public opinion.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Teen Room – Mr. Socha remarked that while the Teen Room was empty for painting, the library should take the opportunity to steam clean the carpets. He made a motion to spend up to \$500 on steam cleaning the Teen Room carpet. Mr. Kertenis seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

The Board members took a tour of the library to observe several of the recent improvements/changes in the library including: the Teen Room project in process, the new mural in the Children's room, the Warner Reading Room, and the physical storage constraints.

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. Her report also included updates on the new staff computers and IT hardware, along with the vending machine installation.

Second Audience to Citizens: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. The next meeting will be April 16, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gladysz

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