

Harwinton Public Library
Minutes of Library Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, March 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00, by Art Potwin. Members attending were Jamie O'Meara, Paul Edwards, Everett Lyons, Leslie Flowers, Naomi Toftness, Becky Grieco and Library Director Alice Freiler.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve minutes made by Everett seconded by Paul. Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve report made by Paul, seconded by Jamie. Unanimous

Public Input:

None

Director's Report:

- Becky Grieco is officially a new member of our Board.
- Patti Sederquist will be stepping down from our Board and will submit a letter of resignation to the Town Clerk.
- Annual Town Meeting is on 3/5 at 7:00. Board members Jamie, Everett and Naomi up for re-election. Leslie will represent the Board and nominate them to serve another term.
- Alice will apply for a grant from Civic Family Services to help fund our Summer Reading Program. Costs have increased significantly.
- Motion made by Everett to spend \$350. From our annual appeal to supplement cost of the program. Seconded by Becky. Unanimous.
- The library had an issue with our security system due to high winds and a fallen tree. All systems are back up and working.
- There was a staffing issue while Alice was away on vacation. Lydia was sick, so the library had to close for the day.

Motion to approve Director's report made by Jamie seconded by Paul. Unanimous.

Library Friends-

Friends will meet on 3/11 at 5:00 and Leslie will attend to clarify which costs covered by Library Board, the Town and those which are requested of our Friends.

Committee Reports:

- Art-Skip Marsh is our featured artist for March/April. He chose not have a reception.
- Budget- The town's 2024/25 proposed budget is scheduled to be presented at the Bd. of Finance meeting on 3/7 at 7:00.
- Computers-no report

- Fundraising-Alice did some investigating into Harwinton shirts/hats/book bags for a fundraiser, as we have in the past. She will look into alternative colors and use the same logo as before.
- Property and Building-The Board selected new chair style for the library. Purchase of 50 chairs will cost approximately \$18,000. Motion made by Everett to move \$13,500. from STIFF account to checking to cover the cost and authorize the purchase. Paul seconded. Unanimous. The Board approved the black frame with charcoal seat. Current chairs will be offered to town and chairs not needed will be listed on List-Serve. Alice will inquire as to whether the Town Crew will be able to help with unpacking/stacking chairs when they arrive. Alice will verify that the Town Crew is on board with moving books and shelving to storage units when floors are installed. We will hold a Building Committee meeting on 3/20 at 4:00 to discuss/prioritize needs of the building: painting, flooring, replacement windows, and possibly furnace replacement.
- Correspondence-Alice asked to for approval of \$100. membership fee for Assoc. of Library Boards. Leslie made the motion, Art seconded. Unanimous.
- Governance-We will need consider bringing on a new member to our Board.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:00 by Art, seconded by Everett. Unanimous.
Next meeting - Monday, April 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Flowers

