

HARWINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Leslie. Members attending were Art, Betsy, Carol, Debbie, Jamie, Leslie, Paul and Patti. Also in attendance was Library Director Alice Freiler.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the Secretary's Report by Debbie; seconded by Art. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the January Treasurer's Report by Carol; seconded by Jamie. All in favor.

Director's Report:

Board of Trustees:

Motion to spend up to \$450 for a bulletin board to replace the Lucite holder outside restrooms by Leslie; seconded by Betsy. All in favor.

Grants and Donations:

A grant application has been submitted to Civic Family Services for \$400 to add new puzzles, board games, and more Sprout Early Learning backpacks to the children's circulating collection.

Alice will be attending another Construction Grant Information Session on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Other News:

Molly is registered to attend the CLA Conference in Mystic on May 1 & 2.

The Library hopes to resume outreach visits this month to the preschool at the Litchfield Learning Center.

The subscription to the Hartford Courant has been cancelled as of March 23<sup>rd</sup> due to the price hike. So far, patrons haven't commented or expressed concern regarding its absence. With the Register Citizen becoming a weekly distribution, Alice will reevaluate our newspaper subscription options.

We experienced an outstanding turnout for the Edible Landscape program on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The program was excellent.

Library Friends:

The Library Friends have given us \$2,500 to fund the 2023 Summer Reading Program.

The Plant, Book & Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to accept the Director's Report by Betsy; seconded by Art. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

*Art* — There was a nice turnout for Nancy Roman's art reception. An unframed print can be purchased for \$25.

*Budget*— The Library's budget was approved by the Board of Finance at the amount we requested, \$203,115.

*Computers*—

*Fundraising* — A draft of the 2023 Annual Appeal letter needs to be prepared for discussion at our next meeting in May.

*Governance* — Three of our Board members have terms expiring in 2023: Betsy, Jamie, and Naomi. Betsy plans to retire from the Board. Jamie is continuing her service. And Naomi is hoping to remain, but she is concerned that childcare conflicts may interfere.

*Property & Building* — The Library has been experiencing various problems with the phone system. Alice has been working with Town Hall to find a resolution. A service call has been placed.

Clancy Moving and Brett Stone Painting are updating their bids for Library work. Clancy believes we can maintain access to the collection and be open for curbside service during the renovations.

Alice proposed scheduling the next Building meeting on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41pm by Paul; seconded by Debbie. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sederquist, Secretary