



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MONDAY, January 8, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Converse Free Library

DATE: 1/8/24 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Brigette Cameron, Melanie Isett (Chair), Meg Lysy, Alex Nunez, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Courtney Wise

ABSENT: Erin O'Donnell, Kim Werner

PUBLIC PRESENT: n/a

Call to Order at 7:14pm

1. Public comments – none

2. Approval of December 4, 2023, meeting minutes

- A bullet was included under “Business Requiring Action or Discussion:” new bullet added into minutes reads “discussion regarding size of board of trustees in comparison to other comparable libraries and in terms of need; history of recent conversations with town officials and State Library also addressed.”
- A motion to approve revised meeting minutes was made by Deb Robinson and seconded by Alex Nunez and approved by all

3. Library Director’s Report

- Year End Statistics Report
 - Nearly 4,000 items circulated in 2023 is huge and many records were broken (e.g., Kanopy viewing, periodicals, downloadable audios, ILLs borrowed and loaned, school lending, adult programming, children programming)
 - Total individual visits to the library was ~15,000, a good rebound post-pandemic (pre-pandemic the number was in the range of 20-21k per year). 2018 circulation was approximately 24,000; 2017 was 27,340 2020 circulation was 21,366
 - This year, Ancestry library edition was well used; NYT code redemptions are hard to interpret but Games are being used more than Cooking
 - Audio book CD circulation is at approximately 37% what it was 5 years ago, Libby downloadable audiobooks is up over 100%

4. School Board Liaison – none



5. Treasurer's Report – Deb

- Library checking account and town budget report
 - Donations can fluctuate significantly year to year based on grants and giving
- Full town budget report will occur at next meeting

6. Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Brigette & Judy – no report, will have one policy for updating at February meeting

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin & Judy

- Front steps- in process for scheduling for spring
- Railing painting- in process for scheduling for spring

Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney & Judy

- Reviewing document for presentation to everyone for next meeting

7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- (3) 3-year term positions open - Reviewed minutes from board meetings in 2021 pertaining to approving reduction of board size to 7 members. Trustees discussed not enough board work available. Alex Nunez added that he could serve and add value to the community in other roles that are vacant.
 - Brigette Cameron, term ends March 2024; she is not running again
 - 1 position vacant (previously held by Julie Goodrich)
 - 1 position vacant (term ending for Deb Robinson; she will run again)

8. Upcoming Events

- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gatherings, Wednesdays, 2-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Mondays & Thursdays, 1:30-5:00 pm
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group - ongoing
- Neighborhood Book Group - started in November, picking up in January
- After School Movie - Tuesday, Jan. 23, 3-5pm
- Art History with Jane Oneail: Andy Warhol - Tuesday, January 16, 6:30pm
- Friends of Lyme Library Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 12, 10:30am
- Art History with Jane Oneail: Andy Warhol - Tuesday, Jan.16, 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm

Next Meeting: February 5, 2024, 7-9pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy