



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MONDAY, April 1, 2024, 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**Location: Converse Free Library**

DATE: 4/1/24 TIME: 7pm TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

PRESENT: Alex Bortolot, Melanie Isett (Chair), Philip Kinsler, Meg Lysy, Alex Nunez, Erin O'Donnell, Deb Robinson, Judy Russell (Director), Kim Werner, Courtney Wise

ABSENT:

PUBLIC PRESENT: Leigh Prince, School Board Liaison

Call to Order at 7:08pm

**1. Public comments**

- Leigh Prince said that the cedar fence that abuts their house needs repair and staining and wants us to keep this in mind for our spring workdays

**2. Approval of March meeting minutes**

- Courtney Wise made a motion to approve and Deb Robinson seconded, all in favor

**3 School Board Liaison – Leigh Prince**

- School policies related to borrowing privileges and collection development are in draft policy stage and in committee and moving forward to discussion at the April 18 meeting
- Leigh asks the board to think about the school liaison position/role and its usefulness and necessity as the school and library establish separate policies.; perhaps the education committee (data assessment, curriculum, strategic planning) could be the go-to committee for information and the library director can continue to work with management at the school

**4. Library Director's Report**

- Highlights from the Librarian's Report:
  - The workroom downstairs is wonderful for projects and spreading out!
  - Programming is happening downstairs every afternoon but Friday



- Dungeons and Dragons could be a possibility for a game-afternoon in the spring or summer (Adventure Begins at your Library is the theme this summer)
- Neighborhood Book Group is beginning in May – check out the books!
- Blisters for Books will continue next year in the same way as it existed this year
- 15 people attended the March 21 “Singing Tour of South Africa with Village Harmony,” presented by Lyme’s Sarah Shipton
- 3,144 items circulated in March, 3rd best month in the past 4 years; a big bump in the people through the door
- New accounts this month, spread across the different types of memberships
- Heritage Quest bump this month – 59 searches
- 321 NYT website redemptions

## 5. Treasurer’s Report – Deb

- Library checking account
- Birthday Book Club money from 2022-2023 has been spent down
- CD rollover update

## 6. Committee Reports

Policy Committee – Melanie

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Erin

- Interior painting update - after April 17
- Spring cleanup – save the date for May 4th and 5th
- Seeking dates for steps and railing painting, both definitely happening
- Erin and Judy to meet to discuss other projects that need to happen (a tour with a clipboard!)

Strategic Planning Committee – Courtney and Melanie

- The strategic plan draft presented; 3 overall categories
  1. Meeting Infrastructure Costs & Exploring Building Improvements - capital improvement, buildings and grounds
  2. Evaluating Overall Library Staffing Needs
  3. Meeting the Library Needs of an Evolving Community- the community survey results will be the essence of this section
- Kim Werner moves to accept the draft as written, Courtney Wise seconded
- Demographics of Lyme community will be included in the appendix
- Amendments: Move section 3 to section 1; add sustainability to part 1; continue to clarify school and public library relations to section 3 (soon to be section 1)
- Kim Werner accepts the ‘friendly amendments’; all in favor



## 7. Business Requiring Action or Discussion

- Welcome new trustees: Alex Bortolot and Phil Kinsler
- Blisters for Books-Tentative date: Friday, October 4
- Friends of Lyme Library - entrance rehabilitation/beautification project. Melanie is a member of the subcommittee

## 8. Upcoming Events

- Tech Tuesdays, 1:30-3 pm
- Handcrafters Gathering, Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
- Mah Jongg at the Library, Mondays, 1:30-5:00 pm
- Chess Club, Thursdays, 2-3pm, February 29-April 4
- Nonfiction Virtual Book Group, Neighborhood Book Group - ongoing
- Laurie Wadsworth's adorable Steiff animals are in the Peggy Little Display Case
- Friends Art Show. Matthew Greenway: Recent Landscapes, April 7 - June 29
- Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., online. "Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Cats Do What They Do." Sponsored in Lyme by Friends of Lyme Library and co-presented with Moultonborough Public Library and Newmarket Public Library
- Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7pm. Art Show Opening for Matthew Greenway's April -June show (Betty Grant Gallery, sponsored by Friends of Lyme Library)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59pm

Next Meeting: May 6, 2024, 7-9pm

Submitted and recorded by Meg Lysy