

Sharon Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Session
January 17, 2024

Attendance:

Trustees in person: Carolyn Weeks, Cheryl Weinstein, Sarah Windman, Sherrie King

Absent: Wendy MacArthur, Cheryl Rosenfeld

Library Staff: Lee Ann Amend (Library Director)

Guests: Chuck Goodman

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Weinstein at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of the minutes of the Dec. 13, 2023 meeting by consensus.

Budget

- It looks good for this year and next year, MOU is in progress.
- Motion to authorize the chair to sign MOU when it is ready. Carolyn moved, Sarah second. Approved unanimously.

Friends

- Move money to CDs to make more money.
- Family in memory of Karen M. gave money to buy more Library on Wheels bags.
- Elizabeth James' new book is out, and she is doing an event at the library.
- Next meeting is Feb. 5.

Foundation

- Opened a 6-month CD.
- Need a person to be on the mural committee
 - Sarah would like to be this person
- Have 4 contracts to review
 - Cheryl W. asked for a motion to sign the contracts: Sarah moved, Carolyn second, approved unanimously

New Building/Building and Grounds

- Date of completion is still TBD
- No new correspondence

Director's Report Attached. In addition:

- Goals for FY 25 and 26 have been sent.
- Completed the budget draft for FY 25
 - Forwarded to Finance Director
 - Moving maintenance, lines, and custodial to DPW, pending MoU
- Facilities update: a lot of leaking (community room and children's room picture windows)
- Submitted for a grant request for a Light The Way Grant, for Teen/Tween Librarian
- OCLN ran a report. Physical material check out was just under 600k, 500k electronic

(2023). Electronic can be \$2x physical so budget impact.

New Business:

- Treasurer's Report: \$546.37 (Eastern); \$2050.65 (Rockland Trust)
- Next meeting is Feb. 21, 2024
- Some chatter about books with anti-Israel slant; SPL does not censor
- Statewide bill to outlaw book bans
- School Committee meetings also have had discussions about controversial books
- Judy Crosby: Are there programs to ensure migrants living in Sharon can access the Sharon Public Library?
 - SPL and SPS have started outreach to furnish library cards and access to ELL materials
- Director Review: It was sent to LeeAnn last week
 - Salary bump TBD
 - Roundtable discussion on why we love LeeAnn
 - LeeAnn would like to make a correction to her review
 - The Veteran's Database was created, not purchased. Cheryl W. will correct this bullet point. Libraries and Veterans is the official name.
 - Sarah: I move to approve the Director's review with a change to section 7.2: "LeeAnn also worked with the national program Libraries and Veterans to develop a nationwide database for veteran's programming." Sherrie second; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by consensus.

Next meeting – Feb. 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie J King
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