

Sharon Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Session
Dec. 15, 2021

Attendance:

Trustees in person: Carolyn Weeks, Cheryl Weinstein, Sarah Windman, Cheryl Rosenfeld
Trustees remote: Wendy MacArthur, Geoff Gerrietts

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Cheryl Weinstein.

Minutes approved with one change.

Treasurer Report

- Wendy: The Town Treasurer's assistant said we are not allowed to be on the account for Eastern Bank. We don't have a recent statement from Century. Sean has refused to give me the most recent statement. He said going forward there will be two accounts now, both at Century Bank. We will not receive statements; we will have to request them from him each month. Cheryl W suggested Wendy put together a process we would like for tracking our accounts and she will send it to the Treasurer so we can receive our statements.

Budget

- Looks good, state aid was submitted to our account.

Library Project

- Monday 12-20 there is a FinCom meeting. Cheryl W. suggests we ask them to encumber the money for our legal defense of the appeals. We shouldn't be required to use our state aid. Estimated to be \$25K at the most. If FinCom says no we will have to use our state aid. If we don't spend the money we won't have a library.
- The two suits are against the SSBC and the ZBA. All have agreed that Brian Winner will take the lead, with Gelerman doing minimal work. The applicant, which is the Board of Trustees, usually foots the bill. For next year we have allocated \$20K.
- Cheryl R: suggested the possibility of the town avoiding litigation by offering abutters an annual tax abatement to last until sale of property.
- Facebook: Sharon What's Up. Discussed the best approach for addressing misinformation and blame.

Friends

- Next book sale will be in May and we will have access only to the community room (as opposed to the entire lower level). If the weather is nice there is the possibility we could have a large tent outside.
- Friends will give Lee Ann \$6K and the library will choose the museum passes this year. They now are discount passes as opposed to free admission.

Foundation

- One family has sent us money through a trust each year. Now the total is up to \$1,000, we will contact them to see if they'd like a naming.

Director's Report

- None, Lee Ann out sick.

Discussion of Director's Evaluation.

MOTION to adjourn, Sarah, second, Carolyn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Jan. 19, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Rosenfeld