

Sharon Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Session
March 16, 2022

Attendance:

Trustees in person: Carolyn Weeks, Cheryl Weinstein, Sarah Windman, Cheryl Rosenfeld

Trustees on Zoom: Geoff Gerrietts, Wendy MacArthur

Library Staff: Lee Ann Amend (Library Director)

Guests: Chuck Goodman

The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Weinstein at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of minutes approved by consensus.

Treasurer

- Eastern Bank trust account at \$4,941.57; regular account balance \$546.37

Friends

- Speaker on 10th; for membership, instead of sending a letter we are doing a postcard. Trying to get a food truck for the book sale. We received donations in the name of a resident who passed away.

Foundation

- Meeting to start up fundraising again, so that when things with the new library proceed they'll be ready to go.

Standing Building Committee

- Library project, waiting for litigation. Request has been filed with the Historic Commission, which has declared it a historic building, so now they have to schedule an open meeting.

Director's Report Attached. In addition:

- The children's librarian is leaving; her new position has a much higher salary. Cheryl W. asked how salaries are determined. Does the town look at comparable towns? Lee Ann said there are 10 steps in the union, and the library was able to increase the position by 2 steps, but it still is not as high as other towns. This is a town-wide problem.... Salary, insurance costs, vacation time, etc.
- The AV equipment... to upgrade the equipment installed in 2015 vs new equipment, the group hired to do SHS would charge \$15,000-\$20,000. So we need 3 bids. We can upgrade this year for half the cost, under \$10,000. After July, in the next fiscal year, we can look at installing the rest of the equipment. Everything will be able to move to the new building, videoconferencing, etc.

New Business: Meeting Room Policy.

- Change to #4: what Friends can fundraise for library-related needs.
- #3 New wording: Outside groups (non-Library associated groups) reserving the Community Room may not proselytize, recruit, or promote outside of the community room within the library or on library grounds.
- Will vote on this policy next month

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by consensus.

Next meeting – April 20, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Rosenfeld
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees