

Sharon Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Session
Jan. 18, 2023

Attendance:

Trustees in person: Carolyn Weeks, Cheryl Weinstein, Cheryl Rosenfeld, Sherrie King

Trustees on Zoom: Sarah Windman, 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 from Dec. 21 and Jan 10 approved by consensus.

Treasurer

- Harbor One account at \$1,098; Eastern Bank account balance \$546.37
- Lee Ann--Wounded Warriors will contact us when they have a speaker available

Budget

- Just keeping an eye on it. Earned time account, longevity of staff. Lee Ann: we've had some turnover, not worried about it.
- Electricity: Lee Ann watching the cost; after the meter was replaced last summer the rate skyrocketed. Lee Ann fought and got us refunds of the overcharges.

Friends

- 2 new museum passes: Providence Children's Museum and Battleship Cove. Book sale is coming up in May..
- Next meeting is Feb. 16.

Foundation

- Petition: Letter to state Senate for one-time funding for the library. We can't ask residents to sign the petition, we can only give them the information. The petition is easy to sign and submit. Email will be sent through Constant Contact. We should all send it to our friends. If we speak as individuals, not as Trustees, we can ask friends to sign. Wendy to post on Sharon What's Up; Cheryl R to post on Everything Sharon. Wendy to post to the Trustee fb page.
- MOTION to send the edited message out through Constant Contact: Sarah, second by Carolyn. Passed unanimously.
- Cheryl W and Cheryl R to write the letter to state Reps/Senators to go with the petitions, with stats on our library usage..
- Sherrie wants to invite our elected officials to our next meeting to ask what they are doing proactively and what we can do. Will look into this to determine if appropriate.

Library Building and Grounds

- We do have a placeholder on the warrant

Director's Report

Attached. In addition:

- Mom's Club \$1,000 donation has replaced the train set and table, and paid for other new toys as well.
- New kiosk system. Wonderful company; when we ask them to update the software for ease of use for patrons, they do it.
- Capira Mobile: designing website for mobile.

New Business:

- Our next two meetings will be hybrid. If our Reps/Senator come, we should all be remote..
- **Director review:** Lee Ann has received it. Any comments: we all say she is doing a great job. Always a pleasure to work with even when we don't agree.
- Lee Ann: it would be great if we had a real part-time custodian--someone who could spot a problem before a patron is affected. We have someone for 2 hours a day, just cleaning, not finding issues. Hopeful that the new DPW hire will be a replacement for Wilson (he worked 3.5 hours/day). Most libraries have either a full-time or half-time person depending on the size.
- **Director goals:** Motion to accept the goals, by Sarah, second by Sherrie, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by consensus.

Next meeting – Feb. 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Rosenfeld
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees