

Scotland Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joanne Todd at 7:01 PM

In attendance: Leahbeth Scandura, Bobbie Maschka, Angela Maschka, Mary Geragotelis, Joanne Todd, Jenna Aldrich, Brenda Gagnon, Beth Delaney

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS: none

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Meeting minutes from the previous meeting (March 2024) approved with a correction of a typo (Mary Geragotelis' name was misspelled in the Library Director Report) with a motion by Joanne Todd, seconded by Leahbeth Scandura.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Financial reports for March were given by Angela Maschka. Bonds matured and were rolled back in, a CD was renewed. Starting on April 1st the new Town treasurer will have access to statements per request. The Junior Library Guild (\$1,558.42) will be paid out of the Trust as historically done so when the Trust has enough funds. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bobbie Maschka and seconded by Brenda Gagnon.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mary Geragotelis gave the director's report with circulation statistics and attendance for events and programs for March. The Bluey Party (held in Canterbury) was a big hit and there are plans to improve upon the next one. Our library is participating in the Passport to CT Library program. Motion to accept made by Leahbeth Scandura, seconded by Angela Maschka.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

children's section mural = no update

EV Charger update = no update (currently "off")

Exterior lighting = Waiting for a bucket truck as of a week ago

NEW BUSINESS

Garden/Bridge maintenance and repairs = See Scout Eagle Project below

Scout Eagle Project

Victor B. of Chaplin Troop 440 will write up a proposal for his Troop Eagle Committee to review before bringing it to the Library Board. It will be for a project encompassing the invasives and overgrowth and the bridge repair. The Board discussed ways to recognize the donors that are engraved on the current Bridge such as a plaque and also materials that could be used with longevity and the environment in mind.

Picnic Tables from Town Hall

Bill (maintenance) said the library will get one of the picnic tables (from another Eagle Scout project). It was also noted that the efforts of Brenda Gagnon and Sharon George made the Pollinator Garden and the entrance to the Library beautiful. The Board will also work on a list for other Eagle Scout projects for the future.

Highland Festival

Joanne Todd presented more updates on the Highland Festival. It will be in Brooklyn as mentioned in a previous meeting. The Highland Committee has monthly meetings, and the September meeting will be attended by Bobbie Maschka to get more information for the Library's contribution to the event. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Sprague senior center.

Poet Laureate

Parish Hill will have a poetry reading event on May 24th , there nothing else planned as of yet. Mary Geragotelis will reach out to Dr. Powers for other activities / poetry workshops.

Develop next month's meeting agenda = The agenda was set for the May 2024 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by Chairperson Joanne Todd 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jenna Aldrich