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Library Board of Trustees  
Edgartown Public Library  
26 West Tisbury Road, Edgartown, MA  
**MINUTES**

Meeting of Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023

Held in the Foster Room

David Faber called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m.

**Trustees in attendance:** David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Denise Searle

**Absences:** Olga Church, Maggie Morrison

**Guests:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the December 2022 meeting.

**MOTION:** Julie Lively, **SECOND:** Denise Searle

**ACTION:** Unanimous

**Friends Report:** The Trustees received a summary of the Friends' October and November meetings. The group is planning for an event around Herb Foster's birthday date for the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 4.

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director

- Lisa reported that the library foot traffic count in December was 4,793, an increase of about 32 percent over last year. She said the library experiences a burst of traffic each weekday afternoon when children pour in from the Edgartown School next door.
- Lisa reviewed the operating budget she has prepared for presentation to the financial advisory committee on Feb. 4. She said she had explored with town administrator James Hagerty whether to boost the line for building maintenance after the unexpected expenses the library has seen this year – and was advised not to do so. Mr. Hagerty said he'd prefer that the library bring extra expenses to the financial advisory committee if they come up. Lisa said that she expects an easy meeting with the finance board this year, as the proposed library budget shows an increase of just 0.63 percent.
- Landscaping report: Lisa and the board discussed the possibilities for including a stage area with some sort of cover in the landscaping plan. She and the trustees agreed to keep this possibility open, but the shared sense was that a covered stage area is not urgently needed on the front lawn.

- Lisa said that Associate Roofing has addressed the roof leak that has stained the kitchen ceiling panels. There's been no further progress since last month on the RISE Engineering project of replacing library lights with LED bulbs. She's still waiting for bids to repair the second-floor window cables and to trim the downstairs restroom.

**Nintendo Switch Lending Policy:**

Lisa presented a newly drafted policy for the lending of the library's three Nintendo Switch gaming devices. She said the lending of these units recently became possible because they can now be erased and reset after use.

- **MOTION:** To accept the new policy, as written.  
**MOTION:** Nis Kildegaard, **SECOND:** Julie Lively  
**ACTION:** Unanimous

**Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

**MOTION:** To accept the January gift of \$1,500 from the Friends.  
**MOTION:** Denise Searle, **SECOND:** David Faber  
**ACTION:** Unanimous

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*