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

Meeting of Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024

In the Program Room

Julie Lively called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

Trustees in attendance: Olga Church, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Maggie Morrison, Denise Searle

Absences: David Faber

Guests: Lisa Sherman, Library Director; David Ignacio, president of the Friends

Friends Report: David Ignacio reported that plans are advancing nicely for the annual Herb Foster celebration on Saturday, Feb. 3. David said the annual appeal letter of the Friends has met with a good response. And he reported that at their meeting on Jan. 4, the Friends voted to contribute \$5,000 from the Herb and Anita Foster Education Fund to support the library staff trip to the annual conference of the Public Library Association in Ohio this April. Looking ahead, he said that Rockfish Restaurant will hold a “dine-to-donate” evening on March 14, with 15 percent of all proceeds going to the Friends organization.

Review of Minutes:

MOTION: to approve the November meeting minutes as written.

MOTION: Denise Searle, **SECOND:** Olga Church. **ACTION:** Unanimous

MOTION: to approve the December meeting minutes as written.

MOTION: Julie Lively, **SECOND:** Denise Searle. **ACTION:** Unanimous

Director’s Report: Lisa Sherman

- Lisa shared statistics on foot traffic into the library in November, which continue to be up from the previous year and close to the library’s pre-pandemic numbers.
- Lisa noted that she’ll be attending a 4 p.m. hearing of the financial advisory committee on Jan. 25 to present the library’s operating budget for the coming fiscal year. She’ll also be there to answer any questions about the library’s request for \$100,000 in Community Preservation Act funds, and \$400,000 in capital project funds, for the library’s planned landscaping project. She is working to secure a full, detailed estimate on the project.
- Lisa said the basement rainwater leak issue seems to have been solved. She said there are still error lights on the HVAC system, so this problem is ongoing.

- Lisa said she has made flight and hotel reservations for the trip by the library's full-time staff to the annual convention of the Public Library Association in Ohio on April 2-6. With the staff away, the library will close from Tuesday through Saturday, April 2-6.

Fundraising/Gifts Received:

MOTION: To accept gifts totaling \$2,100 from the Friends of the Library; \$5,000 from the Friends of the Library for the staff trip in April, and \$5,669.15 in state grant funds.

MOTION: Nis Kildegaard, **SECOND:** Julie Lively. **ACTION:** Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*