

Meeting of Thursday, July 11, 2024

In the Foster Room

Denise Searle called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

Trustees in attendance: Denise Searle, Olga Church, David Faber, Maggie Morrison

Absences: Julie Lively, Nis Kildegaard

Guests: Lisa Sherman, Library Director, Elyce Retmier, Coordinator of Youth Services

Review of minutes:

(Cannot vote to accept as not enough eligible board members present.)

Friends Report:

Lisa reports that it was their first meeting with Ann Tyra as President and the meeting went very well. John Merrow was a guest and his presence added new energy. He has a background in media and many great ideas to offer the Friends.

Staff Report on PLA Conference:

Before she began, Elyce shared with us how the Thursday story time is extremely popular and well attended. This is a good problem to have, but it also adds a management challenge.

Elyce offered her feedback from the PLA conference with an emphasis on how invigorating and exciting it was for her as a children's librarian to meet and hear from many others from across the country. Much like Rizwan and Jelisa, Elyce commented that conference was outstanding, and on how the staff bonding was such an unexpected bonus.

Director Report:

Lisa reports that foot traffic steadily grows, even though it is not entirely back to 2018/19 levels. She also reports that the FY24 budget is close to projection and on-target. She explained that the new budget for the fiscal year not yet been active.

Lisa also reports that the HVAC has been "fixed" (7/9), and hopefully for good this time. They replaced the motherboard, apparently it might be electrical surges that are the issue. Lisa will be talking to the Town electrician about this and how to install possible safeguards to future surges.

The discussion of staff incentives is pending and will be put on another upcoming meeting.

No new updates on the landscaping project at this point.

Fundraising/Gifts Received:

MOTION: To accept the monthly donation – raised from \$1500 to \$2000 going forward.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33pm

Next meeting date:

Like last year, the board will skip the month of August and reconvene on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Faber*