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

Meeting of Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024

In the Foster Room

**Maggie Morrison** called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

**Trustees in attendance:** Olga Church, David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Julie Lively, Maggie Morrison, Denise Searle.

**Guests:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director.

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the October minutes as presented.

**MOVED,** Denise Searle. **Seconded,** David Faber. **ACTION:** Unanimous (Julie Lively abstaining, as she wasn't present in October).

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman

- Lisa said expenses relating to the library's HVAC system are the biggest issue in the operating budget this year. The town accountant is concerned that payments to Nelson Electric are crossing a threshold at which bids are called for. James Hagerty, Edgartown's town administrator, has recommended that the library invite the system's manufacturer, Daikin, to meet with the newly-trained technician from Nelson Electric, to discuss what he has learned and what should be done to get the system working right. The unbudgeted expenses (taken from the library's maintenance line) will need to be replenished by the town at some point, Lisa said.
- Lisa reported on her productive meeting with Edgartown's Community Preservation Committee, which she opened by informing the committee that the library is withdrawing its request for landscaping funds in this year's round. Lisa and the board agreed that it makes sense to go out with requests for bids on the plan as currently laid out – in hopes that this will yield good information for the library and for the town going forward.
- Looking ahead in a discussion of the library's staffing situation, Lisa said one of the more urgent needs she sees is for a Young Adult librarian to add to the children's room staff. Elyce Retmier is doing a heroic job of managing the busy children's room, but it's really more than one person should be expected to handle, Lisa said.

- Lisa said staff morale is good; the library's new tech services librarian is on the job and off to a good start, and the library team was planning on a bowling trip together on the weekend. She and the board agreed that future plans to support the staff over the holidays and in months ahead should be discussed at December's meeting.

**Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

**MOTION:** To accept the October gift of \$2,000 for programs from the Friends of the Edgartown Public Library.

**MOVED:** Nis Kildegaard; **Seconded,** Denise Searle. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*