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

Meeting of Thursday, October 12, 2023

In the Foster Room

**Olga Church** called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

**Trustees in attendance:** Olga Church, David Faber, Nis Kildegaard, Maggie Morrison

**Absences:** Julie Lively, Denise Searle

**Guests:** Lisa Sherman, Library Director

**Review of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To accept the minutes of the September 2023 meeting.

**MOTION:** David Faber, **SECOND:** Maggie Morrison, **ACTION:** Unanimous

**Friends Report, and Library Programs:** Lisa and Nis, who had attended the Oct. 5 Friends meeting, reported briefly on what was discussed. Lisa said she had floated the idea of having the Friends support a staff trip to the annual PLA convention in Ohio in April 2024 with money from the Foster Fund, which supports professional development and continuing education. Though the Trustees took no vote (the deadline for registration isn't until January), they were fully supportive of the staff trip.

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman

- Lisa presented a fresh report on traffic into the library, which showed that the September count for foot traffic this year was 7,022. That figure is up more than 23% from the count in September 2022.
- Lisa shared the good news that Claudia Taylor, after a summer of trying out the job, has decided to accept the position of programs director for the library. The more challenging news is that Lisa is now looking to fill three positions at the library, with the departure of Barbara Keane.
- Lisa proposed a schedule for library closures over the coming holiday season. She proposed closing the library for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, reopening for regular hours on Saturday, Nov. 25. She said she would also like to close the library on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25 and 26, and also on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.

**MOTION:** to accept Lisa's proposed library calendar as set out.

**MOTION:** Maggie Morrison, **SECOND:** David Faber, **ACTION:** Unanimous

- Lisa said she has received a proposal for a service contract from Daikin, the manufacturer of the library's HVAC system, but that since the system has just been repaired, she has decided not to sign that contract. Instead, she's working with Juliet Mulinare, the town facilities manager, to find an independent engineer to look at the system and advise.
- Lisa said she will be meeting with the town Community Preservation Act Committee at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14, to discuss the library's request for support from CPA funds for its landscaping project.

**Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

**MOTION:** To accept gifts totaling \$2,100 in support of library programming (\$1,500 in general support and \$600 for the Children's Room) from the Friends of the Library.

**MOTION:** Nis Kildegaard, **SECOND:** Maggie Morrison, **ACTION:** Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*