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

Meeting of Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024

In the Foster Room

**Maggie Morrison** called the meeting to order at 3:36 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 June minutes as presented

**MOVED,** Nis Kildegaard. **Seconded,** David Faber. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

**MOTION:** To accept the July minutes as presented

**MOVED:** Maggie Morrison. **Seconded,** Denise Searle. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

**Friends Report:** Lisa reported that the Friends heard an informative presentation at their last meeting from Chris Scott, longtime executive director of the Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust, and a member of the Edgartown committee that guided construction of our new library. Chris provided valuable insights into all the behind-the-scenes work that goes into organizing a fund-raising event. Looking ahead, Lisa said the Friends planned to meet on Sept. 13 with Dan Waters, who led the fund-raising drive for construction of the West Tisbury Library and is deeply experienced in the work of raising philanthropic gifts.

**Director's Report:** Lisa Sherman

- Lisa shared a spreadsheet which closes the books on the fiscal year that ended in July. She noted that in the process of dealing with unexpected maintenance costs relating to the library's HVAC system, she learned from the state board of library commissioners that such extra expenses need not be counted in the library budget when calculating the library's minimum required payment for new library materials. Lisa said that Nelson Electric has sent a technician (at the library's expense) for training and certification on our library's Daikin HVAC system, and that our newly-trained technician has identified software issues that seem to be at the root of the system's failures. Lisa said she had been worried that Edgartown might be facing the sort of costly replacement of the entire HVAC system that West Tisbury is now grappling with – but now she is hopeful that our system can be set right and that it has good years of service still ahead.

- Lisa reported that the library's technical services librarian, hired just this spring, has resigned, and that position has now been posted as open. Lisa said that several members of the staff have stepped up to help fill this operational gap while the position is unfilled.
- Lisa noted that the town has hired a new facilities manager and that she looks forward to working with him to advance the library's landscaping project
- Looking ahead, Lisa said she plans to get the library launched on its strategic planning project by organizing a public meeting, most likely in October.
- Lisa and the board discussed some of the difficult issues around fielding public requests for use of the library program room. These requests place burdens on the library staff and complicate scheduling of the library's own programs, especially in the height of summer. No action was taken.

#### **Fundraising/Gifts Received:**

**MOTION:** To accept the following gifts:

From the Friends, August gifts of \$2,000 for programs and \$500 for the Children's Room.

From the Friends, September gifts of \$2,000 for programs and \$500 for the Children's Room.

From Jill Stein, a gift of \$50 for the Children's Room.

From the Friends, a gift of \$2,416.90 in support of the summer reading program.

From the Young family, for the Young Landscape Fund, gifts totaling \$10,000.

**MOVED:** Nis Kildegaard; **Seconded,** Olga Church. **ACTION:** Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Next meeting date:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024 – in person at the library, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nis Kildegaard, secretary*