

Board of Trustees Minutes for meeting on May 10, 2022

1. President Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Trustees Present: L. Couture, B. Pisacich, N. Dragoli, C. Giordano, M. Wagner, A. Robarge, G. Ritter, J. Merrill, and J. Lehet. Also present C. Johnson, Director.
2. Consent Agenda
Motion to approve the consent agenda, including minutes, treasurer's report and financial report for the meeting of March 8, 2022. Moved by J. Merrill. 2nd C. Giordano. Motion passed
3. President's Report
Aaron Rosenberg spoke to the board about the e-newsletter. Asked the board members: What prompted you to join the Library Board of Trustees?

Senator Richard Blumenthal visited the Library on April 18 to recognize the Library for receiving the *Let's Talk About It: Women's Suffrage* discussion grant, given by the American Library Association.

Discussed a few of the Library Association acronyms:
ALA: American Library Association
UFL: United for Libraries
CLA: CT Library Association
CLC: CT Library Consortium (pay to be a member)
CSLB: CT State Library Board
ACLB: Association of CT Library Boards
4. Committee Reports
Finance: B. Pisacich reported that the Finance committee met with Future Benefits on 5/4/2022. Discussed the objectives of the meeting:
Want to sell the long-term bond funds within the portfolio due to rising interest rates. Contacted Future Benefits on 5/5/2022 and asked for a timeframe for selling the bond funds. Funds were sold on 5/9/2022. Looking to keep a cash position to cover future needs and invest the remainder into Treasury Bills and Treasury Bonds (laddering the maturities)
Looking to hold the course with the stock portion of the portfolio at this time.

Nominating: There are 4 trustees with terms ending 6/30/2022:
Lee Couture (stepping down as Board Secretary)
Bernie Pisacich – Treasurer
Grant Ritter – Trustee, Executive Board
Aaron Rosenberg – President

Joy Merrill – Nominated as Secretary for FY2023

All members are staying on as Board Members for another Term.
5. Director's Report

Director reported that the Town Budget – RTM Review will be on 5/11/2022 at 7pm.

Of April 14th the Town has put a spending freeze in effect of the fiscal year.

Quotes for electrical work came in at around \$1,800. Will be using Board Budgeted funds (due to Town Spending Freeze).

Still working with carpeting companies to get quotes. Looking into quotes for carpet squares vs rolled carpets for the mezzanine area.

Outdoor furniture to be purchased with donated funds from Angelina Barcello memorial. 2 sets of Polywood Adirondack chairs with attached table.

Grant request was made to Dominion Energy Foundation for \$3,400 to fund the summer series of al fresco concerts.

Jennifer Smith is leaving the Library to take a job as Library Director in Ledyard. Kim Lehet will be coming back to the Library for Children's Indoor (and Outdoor) Storytime.

The Library will have a booth at the Waterford Farmers Market (at no cost) on June 18 and 25.

6. Old Business

Going to delay assessing fines for now.

Director asking to be able to let the Library Meeting rooms (if not already booked) for use of less than a "group" of 3 people. Motion made by M. Wagner, 2nd: B. Pisacich. Motion Passed.

7. New Business

Current Printer/Copier lease is up. Looking to add credit card payment to the new system. Looking to lease 2 printers. Discussed increasing the cost per copy (black) from \$0.10 to \$0.15. Motion made by President Rosenberg. Moved by Ritter, 2nd by N. Dragoli. Motion passed.

Library Strategic Plan: Looking to re-visit

Annual Board Dinner: Booked Tony D's on August 18th at 5:30.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:24pm. Motion by B. Pisacich, 2nd by N. Dragoli. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee J. Couture, Secretary