

Fletcher Memorial Library Board of Directors

Dec. 12, 2024

Present: Astin, Larsen, Regan, O'Brien, Fowler, Edwards, Haldas, Kaye, Hochstetter

Absent: Cardwell

Call to order: Called to order at 4:03 pm

Audience for citizens: None

Approval of minutes: Minutes of Nov. 14 meeting approved with motion by Regan, 2nd by Haldas, and abstention by Regan.

Treasurers report: On file at FML .Review of budget. Discussed \$500 check owed for porta – potty rental for race. Discussed Jan.1, 2025 increase of Shane Navratil fee to \$300/month. After discussion of options, motion was made by O'Brien, 2nd by Kaye and approved to continue with Shane Navratil at increased rate. Discussed book and bake sale profit of \$518.

Librarian report: On file at FML. Discussed possible membership in Friends of Ct Libraries at rate of \$25/year. Motion made by Kaye, 2nd by Haldas to become a member was passed.

Assistant Librarian report: None

On Going business. Music, Haldas reported that Mark Davis will continue to arrange our summer music programs. Next art display is pending. Profit from Book and Bake sale is \$518. Property, Haldas will replace parking lot safety light bulbs. O'Brien will look into programmable thermostats for the electric baseboards in the patron bathroom. Currently the librarian will override the setting as needed. This will be reviewed next month.

New Business: Budget to be reviewed next month. Annual report is due Feb.1, 2025

Other: 1. Discuss new librarian position. Discussed applications we already have. Motion made by Haldas, 2nd by Fowler to cancel ad at the Town Hall for applicants. Passed unanimously. Janice Trecker will be notified to remove the ad from our web site. Beth Desjardin will be asked to make these contacts. Discussed the 3 remaining candidates. Decided by consensus that Beth Desjardin should be interviewed by the board all at once. The remaining 2 candidates should also be interviewed as a courtesy by partial board members. 2. Volunteer appreciation gift cards. Discussed thank you note only or volunteer appreciation party. Budget lists a \$400 line item for volunteer appreciation. Motion made by Haldas, 2nd by O'Brien to give volunteers who work at FML a \$50 gift card with a thank you note. Motion passed. Regan to purchase gift cards and thank you notes. Discussed printed FML note cards.

Adjourned at 5:25 with motion made by Haldas, 2nd by O'brien and passed. Next meeting Jan.9, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hochstetter