

Springport Free Library  
May 18, 2022  
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Attendees: President – Christy Cooper, Trustees – Jeanne Hardy, Gretchen Weir, Jim Young, Library Director – Carla Piperno-Jones, Invited community members – Laurie Waldron, Barbara Casper

Carla announced that the library has recently received a telehealth kit from MedLine Plus. It includes a computer, wi-fi hotspot, earphones, charger, pens, and notepads that can be used by the public to access free on-line medical healthcare programs. Carla will share this information to the public on the library's Facebook page and website.

Board President Christy Cooper called the regular board meeting to begin at 6:32 pm.

Old Business:

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2022 were reviewed. One correction was made under new business – Jim Young volunteered to contact Mike Parker in regard to painting the library walls and ceiling.  
Jim Young made a motion to accept the corrected April 22, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and Gretchen Weir seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 4 – 0 to approve the minutes.
2. The April 2022 Financial Report was distributed and reviewed. Updates to the Art Fund were explained. Questions were raised concerning the appraisal worth of the newly restored Buffalo Roam painting. Gretchen Weir volunteered to find someone to appraise this painting. Christy Cooper made a motion to accept the April 2022 Financial Report, Jeanne Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 4 - 0 to approve the minutes.
3. Carla Jones presented the Director's Report.
  - A) Building and Grounds: As shown in her May 18, 2022, email correspondence, Robin Greer reported that Jeff Blaisdell would be willing to clear the top of the library building gutters for no charge but will ask for payment if repairs need to be made. Jim Young stated that Mike Parker will check the library building gutters on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 1:00 pm.
  - B) May 2022 Budget Vote: Carla reviewed the results of the May 17, 2022, School Budget Vote in which Proposition #4, the Library Budget Tax Levy, was passed by 83% – 208 Yes, 49 No. Carla led discussion in the desire to improve the distribution of information that the library provides voters regarding the yearly budget proposition. Her goal is to clarify the proposed revenue request. It was suggested that the proposition could be presented as a cost-of-living percentage, rather than an aggregate monetary request. It was also noted rather than distributing information through additional printed flyers in the mail, providing the public with the information through the school publications and the library Facebook account is an effective means. Carla indicated that she would like to revisit this discussion in January 2023, in preparation for the 2023 Revenue School Budget Referendum.  
Carla will send out appreciation posts to the public on the Library's Facebook page for their support in the budget referendum.
  - C) Children's Librarian's Report: Carla distributed this month's handout from Jill Hand.