

Springport Free Library
May 17, 2023
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: President Christy Cooper, Trustees Jeanne Hardy, Robin Greer, Laurie Waldron, Barbara Casper; Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones; Finger Lakes Library System Director, Sarah Glogowski

Trustees not present: Jim Young

Board President Christy Cooper called the regular board meeting to begin at 6:37 pm.

Visitor Recognition: Sarah Glogowski, the Director of the Finger Lakes Library System

Sarah Glogowski provided an overview of the structure and the range of services of the Finger Lakes Library System. She defined our library as an Association Library and answered questions regarding the legal responsibilities and actions of the Springport Free Library's Board of Trustees. Sarah provided an update for the current inquiry in locating our library's charter. She also reviewed and answered questions about the current Springport Free Library Board of Trustees By-Laws. She offered valued suggestions for the trustees to consider in their continued desire to provide important services to meet community needs. Both the attending trustees and the Springport Library Director thanked Sarah for her visit, and for her helpful legal advice.

Old Business:

1. The April 19, 2023, Regular Board of Trustee minutes were reviewed.
The description of the Library Charter, as described in Old Business, entry 1, was edited. The last sentence - "...Included in this collection was the actual copy of the Springport Free Library's Charter" was deleted. An actual copy of the library charter is not located in the safety deposit box.
The word "accept" was added to the Old Business, entry 1, as it was missing from the sentence — "Christy Cooper made a motion to [accept] Saxton Electric's proposal..."
Christy Cooper made a motion to approve the edited April 19, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and Laurie Waldron seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 5 — O, to approve the edited minutes of the April 19, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting.
2. The May 2023 Financial Report was reviewed.
Barb Casper made a motion to approve the May 2023 Financial Report, Robin Greer seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 5 — O, to approve the April 2023 Financial Officer's Report.
3. Carla Piperno-Jones presented the May 17, 2023, Director's Report. Key items included:
 - a) A \$2,938.00 grant from the Library as a Gateway to Museums grant from the Community Foundation of Tompkins County, was received to promote family attendance at local museums. Our library now has special free passes for families to use at Ithaca's Science Museum, and the Museum of the Earth. A \$500.00 Outreach grant was received to be used to purchase materials to help people with memory loss. The

library has also received two kits from National Alliance on Mental Illness, to help children and their families help alleviate the negative impact of unhealthy emotions.

- b) Auburn Carpet Warehouse has installed new carpets in the library. They look great!
- c) The book shed will be open to the public in the next two weeks. It will be open during library hours every Tuesday. A local Girl Scouts group is planning to build a ramp, to provide wheel chair accessibility.
- d) The elevator in the library was serviced again. The recent service person indicated that the elevator is "getting older".
- e) Successful plans for the summer reading program continue to be made. Prizes have arrived.

Jeanne Hardy made a motion to approve the May 17, 2023, Director's Report. Laurie Waldron seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 5 – 0 to approve the motion.

Old Business

- 1. The trustees discussed the new carpet that was installed by Carpet Warehouse. The new carpet has greatly improved the interior of the library. The trustees shared their appreciation for the work of Carla and Heather in sorting through older items, which is necessary to update the current holdings.

New Business:

- 1. Carla reported that one of the LED lights in the book shed fell. She has contacted Saxton Electric, asking that they check the new lighting fixtures.
- 2. Carla reported that it would be advantageous to replace two of the outdated desktop computers in the library with newer editions. The warranties for the two older computers are no longer valid. She has investigated prices and options with the technology department of the Finger Lakes Library System.
Christy Cooper made a motion for the library to purchase two new computers, at a cost of \$847.50 each, to replace two outdated computers. Robin Greer seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 – 0.
- 3. Clara shared data analysis of the number of patrons who have been using the Page Turner Adventures this past winter and spring. The number of Post Impressions, Post Reach and Shares were high; topping at 1,212 hits for Post Impressions of the Juggling Workshop.
- 4. Clara shared the official results of the 2023 Union Springs School Budget referendum. The library proposition (#4) was approved by a vote of 283 to 60. The trustees and the library director extended full appreciation to the voters for approving the proposal, and for their continued support of our community library and its services. Thank you!!

Board President Christy Cooper adjourned the regular meeting at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Casper

Recording Secretary