

Springport Free Library  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
October 18, 2023

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Present: Christy Cooper  
Laurie Waldron  
Jim Young  
Jeanne Hardy

Absent: Robin Greer  
Barbara Casper

Guest speaker Kari Terwilliger, from the Cayuga County Planning & Economic Development office, spoke to the library board about the New York Forward grant program. This is a ten million- dollar NYS grant program. Of the money, 4.5 million has been set aside for smaller communities. These communities can bundle their project requests together. Private projects and not-for-profit projects will be prioritized.

- o Proposal (non-binding) o Planning process if money is granted. A strategic plane with actual costs o In January/February you find out if a grant award was given o A Local Planning Committee is formed. An actual application is now submitted. o The governor does a rolling release of funding

At this point in time, the exact percentage of matching funds is unknown. There might be an initial outlay of library money. Local banks are willing to grant loans based on the status of the grant request.

The guest speaker left with the gratitude of the board for coming out to speak at the meeting. There was general discussion of the library grant request. Trustee Jim Young volunteered to contact the Woodford Brothers concerning a proposal or consultation concerning the library foundation.

The September minutes were read. Trustee Laurie Waldron made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by trustee Christy Cooper. The vote was unanimous.

There was no financial report. The September report will be presented at the next board meeting.

The library director's report was read. Trustee Jim Young made a motion to accept. Trustee Laurie Waldron seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Under old business: Proper Wash LLC. Has still not power washed the library exterior. Andy is in contact with the library director and hopes to be out soon. The board would like a Finger Lakes Library System update, concerning the possibility, of including the village of Cayuga in our legal service area. The library director will place a follow up call to the FLLS director Sarah Glogowski.

Under new business: The library director showed the board program publicity created by Jill Hand. We will start with two "Libraries as Gateway to Museums" programs. These programs are funded by the Community Foundation Grant.

o Tuesday November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM Dino Fossil Dig o  
Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM Dinosaur Diorama We are looking forward to presenting these two fun programs!

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM Tuesday November 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Piperno-Jones, acting recording secretary