Springport Free Library February 21, 2024 Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes



Attendees: President Christy Cooper, Trustees Jim Young, Barbara Casper; Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones; Remote attendance: Trustee Laurie Waldron; Absent: Jeanne Hardy

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

Old Business:

1. Jim Young reported on the January 8, 2024 meeting that he held with a representative from Woodford Brothers. After visually assessing the building, they discussed options that could be taken to address the problem of water entering the basement. The Library Trustees discussed the proposed options and the application process for the New York Forward Grant. Jim Young will contact Yancht Stucco, LLC to investigate additional options that can be taken to complete this project.

New Business

1. Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones presented the completed 35-page 2023 Springport Free Library Annual Report for Public and Association Libraries. She, and Library Bookkeeper, Scott Zippel prepared this report. It included essential details such as: library budget and funding, technology availability and use, total circulation, patron services and programs, and trustee and staff information. Library trustees discussed the content of the report and the wide range of services that the library provides community members. President Christy Cooper made a motion to accept this report. Jim Young seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 4 – 0 to accept the motion (Trustee Laurie Waldron voted remotely).

Librarian Director Carla Piperno-Jones will submit this report to the Finger Lakes Library System. She will create a condensed version of this report in a pamphlet that can be printed and made available for interested patrons.

2. Highlighting the success of the recent Community Financial Grant program that financed Jill Hand's program that linked local museums with our library programs, Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones explained her interest in extending Jill Hand's leading role in developing a new 2024 children's reading program. Trustees discussed this idea and supported moving toward this appointment at the next meeting.

Board President Christy Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Casper

Recording Secretary