

Springport Free Library
March 20, 2024
Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

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

Old Business:

1. The January 17, 2024, regular Board of Trustee meeting minutes was reviewed. Jeanne Hardy made a motion to accept the January 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and Laurie Waldron seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 5 – 0, to accept the edited minutes.
2. The January 2024 Financial Report was reviewed. Jim Young made a motion to accept the January 2024 Financial Report, Christy Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was open for discussion. The Trustees voted 5 – 0 to accept the report.
3. Carla Piperno-Jones presented the February 21, 2024, Director's Report.
Highlighted items included:
 - Plans for library activities that will be held on April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse Day, along with related items such as a solar eclipse kit and free eclipse glasses for community members.
 - The February children's programs - Dig for Geodes, and Solar Powered Paper Houses - were a great success.
 - The Dementia Caretaker's kits with manipulatives and other helpful hands-on activities are now available for the patrons to check out.
 - Carla attended both the FLLS Director's meeting and FALCONS meeting.

Jim Young made a motion to accept the February 21, 2024, Director's Report. Laurie Waldron seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 5 – 0 to accept the Director's Report.

4. The February 21, 2024, Meeting Summary was reviewed. Jim Young made a motion to accept the meeting summary notes, Christy Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 5-0 to accept the February meeting summary notes.
5. The February 2024 Financial Report was reviewed. Christy Cooper will send a thank you note to Betsy Koon for her \$100.00 donation to the library. Barb Casper made a motion to accept the February 2024 Financial Report, Jeanne Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 5 – 0 to accept the financial report.
6. The March 20, 2024, Director's Report was presented by Library Director Carla Piperno-Jones. Highlights in this report included:

- Carla had submitted the library's New York State 2023 Annual Report. Library Assistant, Heather Schenck, is creating a pamphlet that summarizes the submitted data for community distribution. Carla reviewed key data to the trustees, such as the number of patrons who visited both in person (12,000+) and on-line (6,000+), as well as the total circulation numbers (32,000+).
- Jill Hand's children's programs held in March - Balloon Powered Vehicles, and Clay Creations - were a great success. Photos of both events were posted on Facebook.
- The free eclipse glasses are still available, and the April 8th eclipse programming is going well. Additional notices will be made on social media so that interested community members can be reminded that they can pick up free eclipse glasses and also be able to check out the fun eclipse kit.
- Carla will be attending the in-person summer reading program training at the Finger Lakes Library System's headquarters. The Rosemont-Gifford Zoo mobile unit has agreed to come to the library to present the first program scheduled for this summer.
- Carla reported that many young people and their families continue to enjoy the games and craft supplies that are found in the basement level of the library. The use of this creative space for younger patrons continues to rise, as has their interest in the library's collection of young adult books, graphic and manga books, and audio "Wonderbooks".

Christy Cooper made a motion to accept the March 20, 2024, Director's Report. Jeanne Hardy seconded the motion. The motion was discussed. The Trustees voted 5 – 0 to accept the March 2024 Director's Report.

New Business:

1. Jim Young shared a handout of an article written by Josh Elledge, entitled "Beyond books: Tapping into the power of your local library. The article provides an enlightened overview of how library services have greatly expanded. Such examples include Interlibrary Loans, access to free on-line books and audiobooks through the Libby App, and the ability to use extensive databases for research purposes. All of which can be easily utilized by all people, with just a simple library card. Trustees agreed that this article represents the broad range of services that libraries currently provide for community members.
2. Carla Piperno-Jones shared recent correspondence from Kari Terwilliger, the Director of Cayuga County's Department of Planning and Economic Development. This correspondence included a timeline that is being followed for the money that will be made available through \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative awarded to the villages of Union Springs, Aurora, and Cayuga from New York State. The letter indicated that New York State will be providing consulting teams to help facilitate the grant application process. Cayuga County's Department of Planning and Economic Development will also offer at least three workshops and outreach events to help interested groups and organizations. Carla indicated that she is interested in attending these events. These will begin to be held later this spring.

Board President Christy Cooper adjourned the regular meeting at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Casper

Recording Secretary