

**Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:20PM with President Mari Martin presiding. Trustees present were Bill Richardson, Leanore Egan, Patricia Doogan, Cathy Coombe, Kate Kelly, and Robert Eddings. Also present were Mikki Greene and Cathy Russo.

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and two corrections were pointed out. Minutes were approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Financial Reports: Cathy Russo presented the financial reports for March, noting a large expense from the purchase of a new 20x30 book sale tent. Donations had been made to help cover the cost. DPL has paid the first installment of the RCLS Inter-Library Services fee and RCLS IT Fee. It was moved by Cathy Coombe to approve the reports as presented. Second by Kate Kelly. Motion carried.

Cathy pointed out a large expense under the building fund for a new heat pump. In the Operating account, she noted the electric bill was much larger because it was estimated by Central Hudson. It is expected that next month's bill will be less, or contain a credit. She presented a quarterly profit/loss report as compared with the budget for the quarter. Automation Op Maintenance -other is higher because of the expenses associated with the new website development company. All other categories are within budgeted range year-to-date. Moved to accept the financial reports by Kate Kelly, seconded by Leanore Egan. Motion carried.

Directors Report: Mikki Greene presented the Director's report for March into April. She reported that the staff were thankful for the employee/volunteer appreciation luncheon on Monday. All staff are very comfortable and happy with the current working environment. Mr. McAndrew presented a program on how to grow giant pumpkins. The program was well attended and fun for participants. Mikki requested funding for annual plants and mulch for this spring's landscaping. Mari noted that the junipers that we planted last summer were badly damaged by deer last winter.

Mikki noted that story hour programs are in progress and fully attended. She also reviewed upcoming community programs.

Old Business: Faith Osterhout has returned to work in her old position as custodian.

Mikki shared an outline of the plan for the library's 125th anniversary, which includes completing plaques for previous donors, creating and sending a commemorative booklet, and planning a celebratory party for the summer of 2024.

New Business: Mari presented a draft invitation to community members to participate in a brainstorming session to develop goals, improve services and gather information and desired characteristics for a Director search. The first session will be held Monday May 15 at 2pm, and Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30PM.

Clean up and landscaping dates were set: Saturday May 13, with a rain date of May 20.

National Donut Day is Friday June 2.

It was moved by Kate and seconded by Pat to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,

Recording Secretary