

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 17, 2024

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:10 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Cathy Coombe, Pat Doogan, Bob Eddings and Bill Richardson. Also present was Library Director, Elizabeth Wolpert.

Public Comments: None.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June 26th meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Correspondence: None.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for June. The Balance sheet figures were otherwise little changed from the previous report. It was moved by B Richardson and seconded by P Doogan to accept the financial statements for June. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Beth Wolpert presented the Director's Report for June into July. The report covered various areas including Facilities, Programming, Staff, Fundraising, and Events. Two Little Free Lending Libraries (LFL) will be stationed at River Valley Estates (the former Foxcroft Village property), to supply books to youth and adults in that community. We will be applying for a NYS Construction Grant to possibly finance installation of solar panels that could offset as much as 50% of annual electricity costs. The Bingo night fundraiser was a great success.

Old Business: Beth updated the Board on the Solar grant/loan application process. She must submit the grant application by July 30, and the loan must be attached to it. Therefore, the loan must be applied for by July 18.

It was moved by Pat Doogan and seconded by Bob Eddings to authorize Beth Wolpert to complete and submit the proposed loan application.

Board President Martin offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the application and accompanying documents for public library construction aid to be administered in accordance with the requirements of Education Law 273-a (as amended by Chapter 148 of the laws of 2014) and Commissioner's Regulations 90.12 was read and duly adopted, and the conditions outlined in the RCLS Assurance letter have been accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library.

It was moved to adopt the foregoing resolution. Moved by B Richardson, seconded by B Eddings. On a role call vote:

<i>Trustee Eddings</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Richardson</i>	<i>Aye</i>

<i>Trustee Coombe</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Doogan</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Trustee Schiffer</i>	<i>Aye (by phone)</i>

New Business: Trustees need to complete two hours of trustee training each year. RCLS is hosting four Trustee education sessions through the remainder of 2024. Mari Martin will register Board members for the August 12 session on Open Meetings Law at 6:30pm so that all may attend prior to the board meeting.

Committee Updates:

Giant Pumpkin Party: Cathy updated the board on GPP planning ideas so far and summarized the organization meeting held June 24.

It was moved by B Richardson and seconded by P Doogan to move to Executive session. Executive session ended at 8:35pm.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting. Moved by C Coombe and seconded by B Eddings. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Coombe, Secretary