

**Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 20, 2023**

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:10PM with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Leanore Egan, Patricia Doogan, Bill Richardson, Kate Kelly, Bob Eddings, and Cathy Coombe. Also present was Mikki Greene, acting Director and Cathy Russo, Controller.

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved with two corrections. Motion carried.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for August. Balances of all DPL accounts continue to be within normal ranges. Funds have been coming into the GPP checking account for booklet ads and craft vendors. Book sales at the fair, and from the book tent for August was very strong. A new line item was added for an unemployment claim. It was moved by Kate Kelly and seconded by Pat Doogan to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Directors Report: Mikki Greene presented the Director's report for August – September 20. She reported that the DPL Battle of the Books Club brought home a championship banner. The full report is attached.

Old Business: Items listed under Old Business on the Agenda were all reviewed and discussed in the Director's Report.

New Business:

All other items listed under New Business on the agenda were presented and discussed in the Director's Report.

1. The Neversink Agricultural Society is proposing moving the DPL donut building at the fairgrounds, up the hill by several feet, and possibly replacing it altogether. Larry Bracken, Neversink Agricultural Society President, will attend a future meeting to discuss the proposal.
2. Kerry Sullivan is a new employee, will be working here several hours per week to process new books. Ms. Sullivan has a Master of Library of Science degree.
3. It was moved by Kate and seconded by Bill to hire Olivia McCarthy, an artist who repainted the DPL sign, to repaint the 1898 sign at the fairgrounds.
4. Cathy Russo presented information regarding the 2024 budget vote and NYS Tax Cap Levy. The Board can choose to carry over an amount equal to 1.5% of the previous year's budgets, according to the NYS Comptroller's Office. The Board must consider if the budget will be raised, which will result in an increase in the tax levy. If an increase is budgeted and requested, the board must determine if it will be greater than the NYS Tax Cap allowed. The board has budgeted successfully over the past five years, DPL has received generous donations, and there has been no increase in the tax levy since 2019. Moved by Bob and seconded by Leanore to increase the tax levy by 1.0% for the 2025 budget.

Committee Updates:

125th Anniversary Committee: Mikki reported that the 125th DPL anniversary committee continues to make plans for two events to honor donors that made the new addition possible. Mikki and Mari met with Joann Gallagher to discuss plans and the list of plaques to be made for donors, to be placed in appropriate locations throughout the library. A commemorative booklet will be printed to honor the donors and illustrate the construction of the library addition.

GPP Committee: Planning for the GPP is on track, with most everything ordered, scheduled and volunteers signed up. Final details, including volunteer sign ups for certain positions.

DPL Building Foundation report: Cathy Coombe reported that she has begun completing the 501(c)3 application, and will create copies for committee members to review when mostly finished.

It was moved by Bill, and seconded by Bob to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,

Recording Secretary