

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 26, 2024

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:05 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Mike Schiffer, Cathy Coombe, Leanore Egan, Pat Doogan, Bob Eddings and Dave Schneyer. Also present were Cathy Russo, Finance Manager; and Director, Elizabeth Wolpert.

Public Comments: None.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Correspondence: Mari reported the she received a thank you letter from Joan Gallagher regarding the 125th Anniversary celebration.

Leanore Egan read a letter from Norma Pena, District Clerk for Tri-Valley Central School, thanking the DPL Board of Trustees for a successful vote day June 18, 2024.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for May and Cathy Russo addressed questions. The Balance sheet figures were otherwise little changed from the previous report. Fund raising for May was strong, with income from the Little League 50-50 sales, Root Beer Float Nights, Donuts sales and other events. Expenses were normal for the month, with the exception of cleaning expense for carpet shampooing.

It was moved by P Doogan and seconded by B Eddings to accept the financial statements for April. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Beth Wolpert presented the Director's Report for May into June. The report covered various areas including Facilities, Programming, Staff, Fundraising, and Events. Highlights for the month were that two Little Free Lending Libraries were installed at River Valley Estates. We hosted a successful 125th anniversary reception for donors and patrons the weekend of June 8 and 9. 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: Mari Martin thanked everyone for their efforts to make the 125th anniversary celebration such a success. We especially appreciated Mikki Greene's work on organizing

New Business: A motion was made to authorize the Board President to sign a construction aid application from RCLS so the library may move forward in the grant application process, contingent on information on tree removal. Moved by Kate Kelly, second by Mike Schiffer. Motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize the Board President to sign a State Aid for Library Construction Program application so the library may move forward in the grant application process, contingent on information regarding tree removal. Moved by Bob Eddings, second by Mike Schiffer. Motion carried.

Beth Wolpert discussed her meeting with RCLS President Grace Rearo. Grace's ambition is to develop a program that addresses the lack of high-speed internet services to underserved areas in Sullivan County. She will be visiting the library in July along with a company that provides this service. Service is provided to underserved households by granting them a library user account, with the service paid for by RCLS.

Committee Updates:

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

Policy Committee: Beth Wolpert presented a revision to the Bereavement policy, which now accounts for full-time and part-time staff. It was moved by Kate Kelly and seconded by Pat Doogan to approve the Bereavement Policy as revised. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kate Kelly and seconded by Beth Wolpert to enter into Executive session. Motion carried.

It was moved to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Cathy Coombe and seconded by Leanore Egan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Coombe, Secretary