

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 23, 2023

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:11 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Mike Schiffer, Bob Eddings, Leanore Egan, Patricia Doogan, Bill Richardson, Kate Kelly and Dave Schneyer. Also present was Mikki Greene, acting Director, and Cathy Russo, Bookkeeper.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the July 19th meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None **Note:** Harold Diamond's wife passed away and an acknowledgement will be sent.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for July and Cathy Russo addressed questions. All operating expenses are within normal; the electric bill came down due to estimated billing because businesses are not permitted to submit meter readings; Book Tent was successful. Bob Eddings asked a few questions and Cathy Russo agreed to modify the Financial Report format for clarification. Discussion regarding the Building Fund (related to a previous donation) will be held in the future, when Cathy Coombe is present. A Donation was proposed (\$100) approval proposed by Bob Eddings and seconded by Kate Kelly. Motion carried. July Financial Report was approval, proposed by Mike Schiffer and seconded by Kate Kelly. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Mikki Greene presented the Director's Report for July and August. Our Summer Reading Program finished with our annual Family Entertainment Night. It was a huge success. The library was invited by Tri-Valley to the first "Bear Bash". A wonderful time was had by all. The Grahamsville Fair was a tremendous success for the library. It was proposed to round off the strawberry shortcake and parfait prices for next year to alleviate the need for quarters. Larry Bracken, Fairgrounds Pres., approached Mikki regarding possible future plans for the library booths. General discussion was held. In addition, Jessica Doyle gave us a new contact for the 2024 Fair that will be reviewed.

Five TVCS students will be competing at the Battle of the Books at OCCC in Middletown. Motion to donate \$100 to be sent with the students proposed by Bill Richardson and seconded by Kate Kelly. Motion carried. See full Director's Report.

Old Business: Some items listed under Old Business and New Business were discussed in the Director's Report.

New Business: See the “Bear Bash” and “Battle of the Books” details in Director’s Report. We continue to partner with Tri-Valley Central Schools and Mari chatted with the Superintendent at the SWOT session. Ms. Long is on board with partnering with us and hopes to establish lots of new programs. Regarding the RCLS Road Trip, Matt Hayes did all 47 locations.

Dave Schneyer brought up New Business: In support of a fund raiser by the Lions Club- Emergency Can/Light kit- cash or check to Tri Valley Lions will be left at the library front desk. Motion proposed by Kate Kelly and seconded by Leanore Egan.

Committee Updates: Giant Pumpkin Party – Nothing new. Kate Kelly is sorting out the raffle tickets. 125th Anniversary – Nothing new. They are working on the plaques and planning to hang the banner.

Motion to go into Executive Session by Bob Eddings and seconded by Bill Richardson. Motion carried. Motion to move out of Executive Session by Dave Schneyer and seconded by Kate Kelly. Motion carried.

Proposal to name the Library Addition: “Coombe Gallagher Schiffer Addition” to be dedicated on the 125th Anniversary, _____Date. Moved by Dave Schneyer and seconded by Bob Eddings. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn this meeting proposed by Kathy Kelly and seconded by Leanore Egan at approximately 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Doogan, Board Member