

**Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
April 20, 2022**

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 Kate Kelly, Leanore Egan, Cathy Coombe, Cher Woehl, Dave Schneyer, and Jennifer Thomas, Director, and new trustee, Michael Schiffer attended as a guest.

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Financial Reports: Jennifer Thomas presented the balance sheets for DPL, including GPP, the building fund and other accounts. Balances for these accounts were within normal ranges. There were \$1600 in donations received for the purpose of overseeing the use of the library for special events. We also received a Stewarts Holiday Match Grant of \$350 for children's programming. The electric bill for March was higher than previous average again, and we expect that to continue. Cost of books was slightly higher as well. It was moved by Kate and seconded by Leanore to approve the financial statements for March. Motion carried.

Directors Report: Jennifer presented the Director's report, noting that circulation numbers are now on the rise. DPL will host a Red Cross blood drive on May 24th, and Pocketbook Bingo as a fundraiser on Friday May 20th. So far 20 tickets have been sold.

A new program will be introduced: A Cup and Conversation, inviting patrons and residents to visit and discuss issues. Program will be every Tuesday 10 -11 beginning in mid-May.

Cleaning of the patio furniture has begun. The wood is dry and cracking. Once cleaned it is recommended that it be sealed for future protection.

Old Business: Mari reported that she met with Carmella from the SC Renaissance program again to review the bank behind the DPL patio. She created a landscape plan including various shrubs and perennials. The new plan involves removing existing juniper plants. Mari is seeking a quote for the plants from Monticello Farm, Home & Garden. Once received, Mari will submit the budget plan for approval. We have \$500 left from 2021, to be used for the hanging baskets. A \$2500 grant from SC Renaissance will be used for the planting and maintenance of existing plants and landscape structures including the wood sign.

New Business: The board discussed placing an advertisement in the Sullivan County Democrat and the Tri-Valley Year Book, congratulating graduating seniors. Moved by Cher, seconded by Leanore. Motion carried.

Kate discussed purchasing a book of four season passes for the Museum Woods to give to patrons to check out and use. Dave moved the passes for the Museum and for Mohonk Mountain house be paid from the Giant Pumpkin Party account. Second by Leanore. Motion carried.

Jenn has recommended changing hours of operation from 10 am to 9 am M – Saturday, and close on Saturday at 12 instead of 1pm. Moved by Cher, second by Leanore. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Kate presented a report of the Building Use Committee. They have been researching the policies of other organizations' buildings in the community, and will use the information to create the DPL building use policy.

It was moved by Leanore and seconded Mike by to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,

Recording Secretary