

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

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 Leanore Egan, Bill Richardson, Mike Schiffer, Cathy Coombe and Jennifer Thomas, Director.

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 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 continue to be within normal ranges. There were large expenses from the building fund for a new compressor and for a new network controller and upgraded software for the geothermal system. There were also significant donations received to the building fund. The electric continues to be higher than budgeted, but did decline from the previous month. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Leanore to approve the financial statements for May. Motion carried.

Directors Report: Jennifer presented the Director's report, noting the June statistics looked strong, even though children's programs end in June and the average count is therefore reduced. Library visits for the month were the highest since February 2020. She reported on the many children and adult programs for the summer and fall, and challenges, fundraisers and projects scheduled for the summer and fall. Jennifer noted that she met with Dwight Coombe, Chris Russo and the representative from the geothermal system software company to review how it works.

Brian Harnett will be contracted to create hardwood benches for the Children's Reading Room.

Old Business: The library sign has been repainted and will be remounted after it dries.

Mari recommended we have a reception for Phil Coombe Jr and Cher before our August 17 board meeting, to thank them for their years of service to the board.

New Business: Jennifer discussed the RCLS IT Maintenance program options for staff computers and equipment. There is a full service and hybrid service option. RCLS created quotes specific to DPL for both options, however they may be revised once it is determined how many computers will fall under the program.

Jennifer reported that the library received a \$200 donation toward a new tent for the book sale. We received a quote on new and used tents to replace the existing old tent. We have not received any quotes for new or used tent to replace the existing one. Donor stated she had

spoken to someone on staff who told her a new tent would be \$900. No one on staff DPL staff could confirm this.

Bill and Cathy have volunteered to water the hanging baskets through town and at the library for each Saturday in August. DPL is sharing this responsibility with the Town and Grahamsville Fire Dept volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Garden committee: Mari reported that the bank behind the patio has been fully mulched, thanks to help from three SC Renaissance volunteers and some board members. The \$2500 grant covered all the plants and mulch. Mari has continued watering the new plants each weekend and the juniper shrubs have been staked. Carmela from the SC Renaissance committee will be returning one more time to review the work completed. Mari intends to create a master plant plan for the entire grounds.

GPP: Cathy reported that entertainment has been scheduled, the map for the flyer has been submitted to the printer, and a new provider for pony rides and the Old McDonald's Farm has been located.

It was moved Lealore and seconded Mike by to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe,

Recording Secretary