

## Minutes of the LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### At the SALEM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at: 6:00 PM

- **Present:** Alan Benkert, Julie Stoken, Mary Cikatz, Maureen Collins
    - Shannon Henson (Library Director)
  - **Absent:** Diane Robillard (chair), Dee Doolittle (treasurer)
  - **Guests:** Carl Nawrocki, Bart Drennen, Hannah Lynch
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1. Call to Order at 6:05 PM by Mary Cikatz, acting chair for Diane Robillard
    - a. Pledge of Allegiance
    - b. Additions to the Agenda – no additions. However, the craft swap presentation was moved up on the agenda to follow the reports of the board officers (Item 4)
  2. Public Comments/Correspondence - none
  3. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2023 – **M/S Alan, Maureen to approve as written, 4/0 passed**
  4. Reports of Board Officers
    - a. Chairperson – Diane Robillard – not present
    - b. Secretary – Mary Cikatz - none
    - c. Treasurer – Dee Doolittle – not present
  5. Other Reports
    - a. Library Director– Shannon Henson - raffling off a compost bin compliments of town hall, one a month for the next 5 months; Salem School brought 12 classes over to the library, 232 students with teachers came to the library; Black Bears of CT was almost at full capacity; summer reading begins 6/14/23; 1,100 patrons in May
    - b. Friends of the Salem Library (FOSL) – Carl Nawrocki; gave out almost 200 headboppers at the Memorial Day parade table; gave out a lot of flyers about summer reading; picked up 4 pickup trucks of books from Mystic/Noank Library; got books also from Waterford Library (3 pickup trucks full); official sorting will start tomorrow – will be Monday and Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 in the Zemko garage; Bart has replaced Carl on the Friends of the Connecticut Library Board (they gave the Salem Library a check for \$250 for the Friends!)
  6. Unfinished Business
    - a. Bylaw Committee Update – Mary brought up the two versions of the bylaws on the projector screen (the one passed by the board back in January and the revised one based on input from Pam Munro); discussion followed, noting that the changes are subtle; it was discussed that these are our bylaws and directions as to how we run the board. However, the board hopes that the town attorney looks them over as it is in our best interest that he/she do so. **M/S Alan/Maureen to approve the re-amended bylaws as presented today. 4/0 passed**

7. New Business
  - a. Hannah Lynch, Library Assistant - Craft Swap Presentation –27 people attended; she was overwhelmed with the number of craft supplies that were supplied by the community; fantastic projects; one woman who makes cards for the elderly was so happy with what she could obtain for free; leftovers were donated to either the Congregational Church and the Salem School; Hannah is looking forward to making this an annual event
8. Agenda Items for Next Regular Board Meeting
  - a. Discussion of dissolution of bylaws and policies committees
9. Adjournment at 6:50 PM, **M/S Alan/Julie**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Cikatz, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM