

*Board of Trustees Meeting
January 11, 2024*

Present:

Denise Thornton, President
Lynne Rosenfeld, Vice President
Amy Rosenthal, Asst. Secretary
Matt Tal, Treasurer
Catherine Cardaci, School Rep.
Jason Huang, Trustee
Joseph Hathaway, Mayor's Alternate
Ron Pawilkowski, Trustee

Absent:

Evelyn Hammaren, Secretary

Also Attending

Lore Reinhart, Director
Christine Gleniewicz, Office Services Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Lore Reinhart.

All present shared their name, affiliation with the library and something about themselves and their lives in Randolph Twp.

Election of Officers:

Nominations were made for the elections of officers for the 2024 Board.

Denise Thornton accepted the nomination for President.
Lynne Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the nomination and
Cathy Cardaci seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

Lynne Rosenfeld accepted the nomination for Vice President.
Denise Thornton made a motion to approve the nomination and
Matt Tal seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

The nomination for Evelyn Hammaren to continue her role as secretary will be postponed until the February 2024 Board Meeting as she is not present this evening.

Matt Tal accepted the nomination for Treasurer.
Lynne Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the nomination and
Denise Thornton seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

Amy Rosenthal accepted the nomination for Assistant Secretary.
Lynne Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the nomination and
Matt Tal seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

The Personnel Committee

These members include: Denise Thornton, Amy Rosenthal & Lynn Rosenfeld from the 2023 committee and Jason Huang and Ron Pawilkowski as additional members for 2024.

Lore Reinhart adjourned the Board of Trustees-Re-Organization Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING:

At 7:56 the regular meeting was called to order.

Approval of Minutes

Matt Tal made a motion to accept the December 2023 Library Board minutes. Lynne Rosenthal seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

Voucher List

The December 2023 Voucher List was reviewed. Members questioned the Demco charge for \$9,744.00. Lore explained that this was a one-time charge for our new book drop. Lore addressed the questions related to the bills for Trimboli, the lawyer for the Library, the bill for Nestle Water and the bill for Tabb. Matt Tal made a motion to approve the voucher list and Lynne Rosenthal seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

Financial Report

A discussion of the Financial Report took place, Ron Pawilkowski questioned the amount of fines collected over the year as we are a fine free library. Lore explained that these fines were charged by other libraries within the system who are not fine free. Main libraries have agreed to allow any library to collect the fines and keep the funds. Ron also questioned the fact that the book budget was not fully expended. Lore explained that this was not unusual since many budget lines have extra funds to allow for unanticipated expenses.

Statistical and Circulation Reports

Discussion of the Statistical & Circulation Reports took place. The Board took note that circulation numbers increased since 2022.

Town Council Update

Joseph Hathaway shared that his first town meeting was a reorganization meeting including Town budget decisions as well as election of officers. He shared that next month there should be more discussions of town happenings and he will update us in February.

Director's Report

Upon Lore sharing her Director's Report, two concerns were discussed. Lore and Denise shared that the concrete pad is ready to accept the gazebo as soon as it is complete

Denise and Amy have concerns over the Kindergarteners no longer coming into the library for a tour and library cards. The schools have decided to have our librarians go to the schools to present an assembly and hand out cards. One concern is that the children will not only miss a field trip, but miss the chance of experiencing the library and all we have to offer first hand.

The Library's 60th Birthday event will most likely be held on May 4th as no other major town events are occurring that weekend. The theme will be centered around the 1960's with fun 1960 things to do and participate in. Denise Thornton suggested displays for our top 60 books.

New Business

The Board voted on the proposed Temporary Budget for 2024. Lynne Rosenfeld made a motion to approve the Temporary Budget, Matt Tal seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

The Board voted on the resolution to authorize the signing of checks. Amy Rosenthal made a motion to approve Linda Roth and Greg Poff to sign. Lynne Rosenfeld seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

The Board voted on the resolution to approve Provident Bank as our Library depository for 2024. Matt Tal made a motion to approve Provident. Ron Pawilkowski seconded the motion. All others in attendance were in favor.

Matt Tal would like to look into better rates at local banks for our funds which are not currently being used. He shared that some banks are offering higher interest rates and the library would benefit from this investing. Matt will further investigate and share with the Board his findings.

Public Portion

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Lynne Rosenfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Carthy Cardaci seconded the motion. All were in favor.