

CVW Long Lake Public Library

BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:00 pm

APPROVED
DECEMBER 17, 2024

ROLL:

President, Rick Paula	Present
Vice President, Bob Dechene	Present
Vice President of Finance, Donna Furlong	Present
Secretary, Pam St John	Present
Trustee, Kent Stanton	Present

Kristel Guimara, Library Manager
Sue Kunzmann, Clerk
Sara Dallas, SALS via Zoom

Jules Comeau

President Rick Paula called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

AGENDA, MINUTES AND EXPENDITURES:

Approved: On Motion by Bob, seconded by Pam, with all in favor of adopting the **Agenda** for the November 19, 2024 meeting

Approved: On Motion by Donna, seconded by Pam, with all in favor of approving the **Minutes** of the October 16, 2024 meeting

Approved: On Motion by Donna, seconded by Pam, with all in favor of approving the **Expenditures** for the period October 16, 2024 through November 19, 2024

Sara Dallas from SALS spoke about the SALS/Mohawk Valley library system which encompasses parts of 8 counties. They employ 5 full time IT professionals. Long Lake Library currently pays \$265.29 monthly, and that fee will increase to \$277.76 in 2025. There will be a JA meeting on December 11, 2024 at 9:30 am

She also spoke about the libraries in Schenectady County leaving the SALS system.

She will be attending the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors meeting on December 19, 2024.

She distributed copies of The American Library Association's Core Values.

Kristel asked Sara if she had any ideas on how the library can find an Auditor.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Kristel asked if the Board would determine a date to look over the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The date chosen was Monday, December 30, 2024 at noon.

Approved: On Motion by Bob, seconded by Kent, with all in favor of approving the execution of the **Access and Release Agreement** with the Masons. The Masons have already signed the Agreement. The Resolution was signed by Pam and the Agreement was signed by Rick and notarized by Jules Comeau. The signed forms will be sent to the attorney.

Recurring Events:

D&D meets Friday afternoons

Spinners meet the third Friday of the month

Upcoming Events:

November 30, 2024 – Melissa Burnett – Birch Bark Ornaments

December 7, 2024 – Friends Ladies Luncheon at Adirondack Hotel – “Grinch” theme

December 14, 2024 – Karen Begin & Dana Hall – Mini Gingerbread Houses

December 21, 2024 – Rick Paula – Cookie Exchange

May 12, 2025 – Appetizing Book Club meets at Early Dawn Confections – Funded by the Donald & Marion Waite Fund

The Friends have provided \$500 to supplement the remaining funds from the Pearsall Grant to cover a book for each student for the Book Fair

Kristel has met with Camille Harrelson, Principal of the school, to discuss ideas on collaboration

Kristel spoke about some ideas for the summer reading program. She would like to either provide a scholarship for a student or try for a grant to fund the a part time person

Tom Scahill has been named the 2024 Volunteer of the Year

She said that she has given her evaluation form to Rick. Rick will scan it and send it to Board Members and then each will complete his or her evaluation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Donna spoke about her conversation with the Adirondack Foundation. The library currently has about \$121,000 invested with them and the money is earning about 5%

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Christmas Party for Staff and Board Members and guests will be December 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm. Dinners will be provided for Staff, and the cost to Board Members will be \$10/person. Each person will pay for any drinks.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm

Adjournment: On Motion by Bob, seconded by Kent, with all in favor, the Board adjourned at 7:07 pm