

Sharon Springs Free Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
5/25/23

Present

Trustees: Jeanne Irwin, Gina Gilbert, Belinda Feris, Bob Fucci, Tonja Law, Susan Rorick, Kate Walrath

Staff: Helen Thomas, JoAnn Fralick

Absent

Trustees: Patsy Nicosia, Kerry Parsons

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sharon Springs Free Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on 5/25/23 by President Jeanne Irwin.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 4/27/2023 Board Meeting were reviewed and

ON A MOTION MADE AND SECONDED the minutes of the 4/27/2023 Board Meeting were accepted as presented (Belinda/Bob)

Treasurer's Report (not attached this month)

- QuickBooks (our online accounting program) has been unavailable so this month's Treasurer's Report was not available in time for the meeting.

President's Report

- Tom Reynolds volunteered to help hook up the printer donated by the school, and he will return again on Wednesday to train staff in its use.

Director's Report (attached)

- Another library offered free plastic audio book cases, so we have been able to repair/reshelve some of our audiobooks that had battered cardboard cases.
- Helen notified Spectrum we are willing to switch the phone system to Spectrum. This will involve a \$99 installation fee and will increase computer speed from 100 to 300 mps
- Russ Scimeca spoke with Helen about the school collaborating with the library for the summer reading program. We are looking at summer reading / staffing hours with availability.
- Wells Fargo made a donation of \$50 and Helen used the money for flowers outside.
- Construction grants are continuing to be investigated for central air conditioning for the library.

Privilege of the Floor

- None

Committee Reports

- Joint Facility - None
 - Facility Maintenance – Bob made minor repairs to the handicap ramp including new paint.
- AdHoc/Ballot Committee –
 - Board members handed in signed petitions for getting a referendum on the town ballot.
 - Jeanne getting quotes on signage

- Audit Committee – None

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Susan spoke about the Sharon Springs garage sales with community donations, offering vendor spaces.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, June 22th at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Springs Free Library Director's Report, May 25, 2023

Programming since last meeting

5/19/23 Book Discussion – Phaedra Patrick's "The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper," 8 attended.

Miscellaneous

- Notified Spectrum we are willing to switch the phone system to Spectrum. This will involve a \$99 installation fee and will increase speed from 100 to 300 mps. We should reach out to the new Sharon Everything Shop to let them know they can use our clothing shed for appropriate items they don't or can't sell.
- There is no further information/action on the Block Threshold policy.
- Beth Rienti is the new Public Services Consultant at MVLS, taking the position that Heather Dickerson left this past January. Beth will be in touch with many of you over the next few weeks to find out how MVLS can better contribute to your library's success (Youth Services and Outreach).
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- Other Schoharie County libraries are asking to coordinate Pride Month activities.

Collection Development: March balance \$9263.47 minus \$99.48 for puzzles (\$9163.99).

Grant Funds

MVLS SRP	\$350
WalMart grant \$1900 for bookshelves minus \$398	1502
2020 MVLS Dream and Do grant \$500 furniture- \$34 spent for new keys.	29.
Advocacy grant for brochures (\$1260 received) NC	777.
Stewarts Make-A-Wish grant for 2021 minus staff support for SRP (\$254)	
Story time support Through 10/27/22 (\$255 Minus \$55. 1 hr HT, 4 hrs JS)	122
Books for holiday gifts \$200 - 78	\$78
Stewarts Make-A-Wish grant for 2022 NC	900
Stewarts Make-A-Wish grant for 2023	900
MVLS Advocacy grant \$2500 for School Budget vote support 2022 minus \$105 for block ad for Book Giveaway	2395
Balance in Grant Accounts	\$7053