

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Town of Pelham Public Library  
530 Colonial Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

The May 8, 2024, meeting was held at 7:30 pm, in-person at the Library.

**Trustees Present:** Lisa Robb, Rob Gimigliano, Catherine Campbell, Michelle Dvorkin, Keith Keaveny, Paul Topogna, Amie Hughes, Nadira Boodhoo, Matt Kane

**Absent:** Jennifer Meyer, Judy Shampanier

**Others Present:** August Turner, Library Director; Maura Curtin, Town Liaison

**CC called the meeting to order at 7:33pm**

### **Minutes**

- Action Item: Approve April 3, 2024 meeting minutes as presented by CC. LR moved, AH seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Finance Committee**

- Financials of April 30, 2024 presented by NB
  - Quarterly distribution was received from the Friends.
  - Interest earned remains solid.
  - Notary income remains ahead of projections.
  - NB is continuing to research opening a brokerage account with a local bank. She will report her findings at a future meeting.
- Action item: Accept financials as of April 30, 2024 as presented by NB. MK moved, PT seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Policy Committee**

- Presented by CC
  - There was a discussion regarding the Review of Materials Selection policy, Reconsideration of Library Materials policy, and Request for Reconsideration Form.
- Action item: Adopt Materials Selection policy, adopt Reconsideration of Library Materials policy, adopt Request for Reconsideration Form as amended. MK moved. RG seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

- Report given by RG
  - Door counter research concluded. A new door counter will be installed within the next month.

### **Friends' Liaison Report**

- Presented by CC
  - The September event at the library will be called Booktember Fest and will be held on September 28, from 5-8 pm.
  - The goal of the party is to bring people into the building who don't use the Library and showcase its value to the community.

## **Capital Campaign**

- Presented by CC
  - o The Campaign Committee sent out a RFP and received three good proposals.
  - o The Committee will interview firms and report back to the Trustees at the next meeting.

## **Director's Report**

- Presented by AT
  - o The Library gave away 500 eclipse glasses to Pelham Library cardholders which resulted in a surge in Library card applications and renewals
  - o New York Library Association (NYLA) submitted a "friend of the court" brief in response to a book ban appeal in Wayne County, NY. The appeal, looking to ban certain titles in a county school district, was dismissed by NYS Commissioner of Education Betty A. Rosa
  - o The Library will begin hosting Good Dogs in the Library, a special story time where kids read to dogs. The program will begin July 9. Special thanks to the Good Dog Foundation, Pelham resident Lisa Kiernan, and Freckles, a good dog.
  - o The Library's new digital photo scanning program has been a success and the Library has received heartwarming feedback from users.

## **Adjournment at 8:23pm by CC**

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Town of Pelham Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.