

Stamford Community Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 5-29-25

Call to order at 4:56 p.m. by Linda Rodovick, chair

Present: Amy Johns, Caroline Burch, Linda Rodovick, and Tyna Senecal.

Danielle Smith, ex officio

Minutes

Minutes from the April 17, 2025, meeting were approved, amended to add the words “and materials” to what is being ordered by Smith for the school. Motion by Johns, second by Burch.

Librarian's Report (on file)

In addition, trustees further discussed what steps need to be taken to gather more information on the heating system in the library. Per Smith, the unit on the north wall does not operate efficiently. Senecal mentioned she spoke with her electrician husband, Jim, for opinions on the heating unit as well as the inactive heating pipes on the east wall. He will work up an initial estimate for a heat pump, just for information, should that option be considered.

Treasurer's Report (on file)

Programming

The Armchair Travel series has been well received this year, with good attendance and interactive participation. Jim LaMothe, pastor of Stamford Community Church, was approached about doing a program on his family trip to Alaska. Although he won't be able to present it for June, he is excited about having it ready for September. The series will go into hiatus over the summer.

Senecal brought up the fact that the traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall will be in Lee in July 10-14. She thought it would be a good idea to promote the library's books on the topic.

Other Business

Burch mentioned she spoke with Nick Noyes of Adams about the possibility of building new bins in the children's area to make picture books more accessible and user-friendly for our youngest patrons. He is enthusiastic about the project. The trustees need to come up with initial concepts and outline the scope of the project. He is happy to meet with anyone about the details and map out a timeframe.

One of the last items on the list to complete the library renovations is the installation on a mural above the windows on the north wall. Nicole Senecal, daughter of Stamford residents Paul and Diane Dupuis, recently participated in a crosswalk painting project in North Adams. Rodovick said she would contact Nicole to see if she would be interested in talking to the board about the mural project. We would want to see a portfolio of her work and discuss cost estimates.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Postponed until next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, June 19, at 5 p.m.

Rodovick motioned to adjourn, Burch seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Burch, secretary

~ Recording of this meeting is available at the library for the next month. ~