

Stamford Community Library
Trustees Meeting Minutes 11-20-25

Call to order at 5:20 p.m. by Linda Rodovick, chair

Present: Amy Johns, Caroline Burch, Linda Rodovick, and Tyna Senecal, Danielle Smith, ex-officio, and Jan Johns.

Minutes

Johns motioned to approve the Oct. 16, 2025 minutes, second by Rodovick. All in favor. Motion carried.

Librarian's Report (on file)

In addition to the report, there was follow-up discussion:

- ~ There will be a school board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 6 p.m. On the agenda is an executive session relative to the interior library door. Senecal and A. Johns voiced an interest in attending to represent the library.
- ~ There are some libraries in the state who qualify for free Inter-Library Loan shipping, and are able to receive and send circulating books that are used for Book Clubs/Book Discussions at no-cost. Pownal has that arrangement, Stamford does not. J. Johns indicated she would be willing to speak with someone at the Pownal library to discuss logistics and determine if it is worth pursuing collaborating with them on this.
- ~ Smith noted that the library's new computer does not include Microsoft Office (PowerPoint, Word, Excel, etc.), She said that although many functions are done through Google apps and programs, there are a few that are easier and better with Office programs. It makes sense to have Office installed to support certain functions and it was decided to include the \$99 fee in the 2026 budget.
- ~ Ongoing discussion about kids bookshelves/bins and a shelf on the north wall, under the windows. More to come on this.
- ~ Smith and J. Johns have been discussing the merits of rearranging some sections in the library to make their locations more logical and user friendly. It will require significant effort to facilitate, but could be done over time.
- ~ A. Johns and J. Johns compiled a brainstormed list of ways to promote the library and programs/activities.
- ~ With regard to book discussions, Senecal suggested using Remind.com to alert patrons about details. J. Johns indicated that interest is building in recent programs and that many of the attendees are new to the area within the last year.

Treasurer's Report (on file)

There is \$3.03 left from our town appropriation.

Senecal outlined some frustrating Ingram billing and payment issues. She has spent time getting them straightened out.

For budgeting, Senecal suggested we may want to increase our library materials line item to \$4,000.

Programming

The library will again plan a holiday craft session with Artsy Avenue. The fee is \$10 per person, which the library will split with attendees.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 5:00. Johns motioned to adjourn, Rodovick seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Burch, secretary

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