

Stamford Community Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 1-9-25

Call to order at 5:04 p.m. by Linda Rodovick, chair

Present: Caroline Burch, Danielle Smith, Linda Rodovick, and Tyna Senecal
(Smith needed to leave at 6:00 to attend the Special School Board meeting.)

Minutes from the Dec. 12, 2024 meeting were approved. Motion by Senecal, second by Smith.

Librarian's Report (on file)

Treasurer's Report

Reviewed end-of-year statements (Dec. 31) for final up-to-date 2024 financials. Expenditures were over by \$858.38, almost entirely due to \$756 increase in WIX dues, which covers the next three years. WIX is the library's website host.

Budget Review

Discussed and filled in budget worksheet, making a few minor adjustments to compensate for increased costs from last year. The only remaining line items to be finalized relate to salaries and calculations that need to be filled in by Lori Shepard. Senecal will meet with Shepard to finalize.

After Smith left for the school board meeting, the remaining trustees discussed her salary as librarian. All agreed a \$2/hour raise was appropriate. Burch motioned to raise Smith's hourly rate by \$2, from \$22 to \$24. Rodovick seconded. Motion carried. Burch also motioned to increase the hourly rate of the substitute librarian, currently filled by Elissa Fink, from \$16 to \$17. Rodovick seconded. Motion carried.

Policy Approval

One final update needed to be approved: the Use of Space Policy. It had previously been reviewed by the trustees. Rodovick motioned to accept the revised policy. Burch seconded. Motion carried. All updated policies will now be on the library website and in a binder behind the circulation desk.

Programming

Burch, Rodovick and Senecal discussed the need to plan more adult programs in the early evenings once a month to get patrons and the community to come back into the library to levels that were seen before the pandemic. Burch suggested asking Nancy and Jim Bushika to do a program on being members of the Vermont 251 Club. Over the years, they have successfully visited all 251 cities and towns in the state. Coincidentally, Nancy walked into the library at the end of the discussion and agreed to give a program in March. This could be the first in an Armchair Travel series.

Other Business

The outside light is not working. Smith mentioned to Maya Miller, the school's senior administrative assistant, months ago and an electrician was notified to fix it. It has yet to be resolved.

A patron mentioned that the parking lot can be difficult to negotiate at certain times of the day during the week and finding a place to park can be a challenge. Need to discuss with the school and select board to assure that patrons can more easily access the library.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.

Burch motioned to adjourn, Rodovick seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Burch, secretary