

Stamford Community Library Trustees Meeting Minutes 2-12-26

Call to order at 5:00 p.m. by Linda Rodovick, chair

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

Bob Briggs (Emergency Management Coordinator)

Briggs came before the board to propose using the library as a warming center. A. Johns brought up two questions. The bathroom is within the school and that could be a challenge. Also, we would like to have someone in the library to cover. Briggs asked if he and his team would be appropriate. Smith said that would be preferred. Briggs suggested using VT-Alert to communicate to town residents with details about the warming center. He also said he would be happy to go before the school board and/or select board to answer any questions or address any issues. He also mentioned that the power company might have discounts or grants to get a heat pump in the library.

After Briggs left, trustees discussed his proposal and all agreed it is a good idea and the devil will be in the details.

Minutes

Johns motioned to approve the Jan. 8, 2026 minutes, second by Rodovick. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (on file)

Senecal handed out financial statements ending Jan. 31, 2026. All in order.

Librarian's Report (on file)

Review of Programming

J. Johns said that programming, in general, has been a bit slow, other than watercoloring with kids with Victoria Jeffries. Six kids have participated. We need further discussion about how we want to proceed with programming. It has been a challenge to get critical mass on participation.

As a heads up, J. Johns noted she may be gone for a couple weeks in March, then again for July and August.

Senecal suggested a program on succulents by the Plant Connector. Shooting for Thursday, April 9.

Rodovick suggested Lisa Mendel in Adams for an adult program. She does stained glass work and could do something with mosaics and similar crafts. A. Johns knows her and will reach out.

Policy Amendments

Rodovick outlined amended language regarding library closures and compensation as follows (bold words indicate changes to the first two paragraphs of the compensation policy):

LIBRARY CLOSURES

If the library is closed due to an emergency, including dangerous weather, the employee shall be paid in full for their regularly scheduled hours.

COMPENSATION

Paychecks will be issued every other Thursday. The pay period begins on **Monday**, runs two weeks and ends on **Sunday**.

Timesheets must be submitted to the town clerk, **either in person or electronically**, no later than 3pm on the **Sunday** preceding the pay date.

Johns moved to accept the revised wording in the outlined policies. Burch seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mission statement will be on the agenda for next month.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 5:00.

Johns motioned to adjourn, Rodovick seconded. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Burch, secretary

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