

Sinclairville Free Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
May 30, 2023

The meeting opened at 6:25 pm with the recitation of the pledge to the flag.

Those present were Bill Newton, Larry Barmore, Linda Bartholomew, Peggy Minkler, Darla Frost-Kianos, Beth Hadley, and Guest Jan Dekoff (Director of CCLS).

Absent were Betty Ridout and Lisa Greeley.

After warm greetings to Jan, she shared the information about the process and successes that local rural libraries are experiencing with approval of sustainable library funding through school district funding per NYS Ed Law 259. Jan suggested we talk with some of the school boards who have been involved in the process. Our Board needs to be one voice. Board members offered excellent questions and Jan was able to answer them in an easy and understandable language. She shared with us flyers that CCLS helped area libraries develop and place on our websites. Jan was very complimentary about the excellent job Beth and Jess do to promote the library and offer various types of programming the community members need and look forward to. That means we already have a "leg up" on sharing what the importance the library has for its community. The library has to determine how much it needs; then each year after the vote is approved, **consider** asking for small (1-2%) increases each year. We will need to talk to all organizations that will be involved in this vote. Check out: nyslibrary.libguides.com/pldtoolkit

More board discussion will follow regarding this important information.

Darla made a motion to approve the April 28th, 2023 minutes with Peggy seconding the motion. Approved unanimously. Darla made a motion to approve the Financial and Expenditures. Larry seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

A picture of the present Board members was taken to be placed on the Give Big CHQ fundraising page. Remember to Vote, vote, Vote on June 8th for the library. Tell all your friends to help us with this fundraising event. Darla made a motion to approve the Library Manager's Report with Linda seconding. Approval unanimously.

Beth shared that Jessica Huling, Library Assistant, is willing to become a Notary. The Board unanimously approved the costs involved for Jess to become certified. This will provide another vital service to our community.

The library has a Secret Garden Project going on which is inspired by a book written by Frances Hodgson Burnett. A Tea Party and Book Club is being held July 31 at 6PM. Tea, mini sandwiches, and desserts will be served. For ages 8 and up. Reservations will be required.

Also email a photo of your own secret garden to info@sinclairvillelibrary.org and it will be placed on the library's website and FB page.

Larry shared that J&D Sealant(right name?) will seal the library driveway in August for \$1150.

Peggy made a motion to end the meeting with Darla seconding the motion.

Unanimously approved. Meeting ended at 7:35pm

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 28,2023 at 6PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Roz Newton

Acting Secretary

Approved June 28, 2023