**Minutes of the Liberty Public Library**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 30, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Karen Kaner

Present: Karen Kaner, Teri Beimler, Larry Steiger, Sherry Silver, Beth Mastro, Marjorie Linko

**Public Comment:**  No public comment.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Sherry Silver moved to approve the September minutes. Terry Beimler seconded the motion, and the September minutes were unanimously approved. Sherry Silver moved to approve the November minutes as amended. Beth Mastro seconded the motion, and the amended minutes were approved.

**Librarian’s Report**: Marjorie Linko gave an overview of youth and adult programs.

* Programs have been very successful. The gift-making program had more than 60 participants. Bookworm Club has begun and is well-attended. Chair Yoga and Swing Seniors have both been very well-received.
* Marj reviewed the upcoming calendar for March and April.
* Winter Reading program and After School Bookworm Club sessions are full. The Club has been very successful and is one of the longest lasting offerings. Each class has 15 participants who pick a book and get a snack. Teens have volunteered to help and work with them to do crafts and other activities related to their books. Participants also register to receive a library card.
* Program materials have been sent out, and they are now in both English and Spanish.

**Old Business**:

* FOLL Update: FOLL did not meet due to the weather. They will decide on another date.
* Construction Close-out: Marj provided an update on the construction close-out.
* Renew fine-free status: Beth moved to renew fine-free status through 12/31/2024. Terri seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

**New Business**:

* Oath of Office for Larry Steiger: Karen Kaner administered the Oath of Office to Larry Steiger.
* Picture hanging system: The new system will be installed next week.
* “Catskill Poetry for Healing” Plaque: Through a grant awarded to the Sullivan County Poet Laureat, the winning poem will be installed using the new picture hanging system.
* Budget Vote: The vote will be held on Tuesday, April 16, from 11 AM to 8 PM
* The Board reviewed the preliminary budget.

**Executive Session**: The Board entered Executive Session at 7:24 PM. Executive Session ended at 7:39, and the public meeting continued.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Terry Beimler moved to accept the November 2023 and December 2023 reports. Sherry seconded, and they were unanimously approved.

**ASSETS (as of 12/20/2023)**

**Current Assets**

 **Checking/Savings**

 Capital Fund Checking.............................................. 94,410.43

 Jeff Bank /Money Market General ........................... 73,728.44 Jeff Bank Operating..................................................325,032.73

 Total Checking/Savings............................................493,171.60

Other Current Assets

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**TOTAL ASSETS..............................................................$1,105,690.34**

**Approve Payment of Bills:**  Motion made by Terri to approve December bills of $6507.63, and Karen seconded with unanimous approval. Bet moved to accept January bills of $9362.78. Seconded by Sherry. Unanimously approved.

**Next Board Meeting: February 27 at 6 PM. The meeting after that will be held on March 26th at 6 PM and will include the budget hearing.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM by Karen.