

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Brofman with Greg, Diane, Tom, Rosy, Stephanie and Lois in person and Jim on zoom.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

The Treasurer said he is still waiting to hear from the town whether the library is going to get the extra money it asked for. There was no real report due to Tom not receiving the monthly reports on time.

Director's report:

The library is averaging 67 people a week. The Book Club will meet on the 20th and the Cookbook Club on the 21st.

Lara Tupper and Tom Ragusa are two programs that will be held this summer. Aubrey Fournier may be doing a Balloon story time also.

Marc-Anthony Arena is doing a computer class for Seniors June 5th at the library.

The Kanopy streaming program service has a heavy focus on education and around 33,00 titles. The library would buy 10 to 25 tickets to use each month and cost \$350 to \$500 a year.

Wowbrary has not been signed up for yet.

There were 5 Applicants for the OPM position.

The Annual Appeal revenue is up from last year.

The library is doing Book Bingo this year with anyone getting a bingo receives a \$5 gift card to Dunkin that were donated by the Friends and anyone filling the entire card will receive a yet to be announced prize.

The library is running a "I Love My Library" program and 5 to 10 answers will be chosen and the person will be asked to have their picture taken to put on a poster and in the Otis Observer.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Director's Report.

Friends to the Library Report:

The Book Sale will be held on Saturday May 3rd at the Otis Ridge. They also have 3 new members, Sharon Delevie, David K. and Larken Howard.

Old Business:

The Scosie chart needs to be done by the Trustees and staff.

The Building Committee:

They will have a review of the OPM applications and once the OPM is chosen the search for an Architect begins. They are also working on a grant that would allow them to hire someone to help with writing other grants.

The \$56,000 from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission will be looked into by Sue to see how much will come to the library and to whom the funds will be released.

No news on the new Library Logo.

New Business:

Sue, Diane, Stephanie, Greg, Gloria and Lois attended the Library Legislative Breakfast that was held at Taconic High School in Pittsfield.

Representative Leigh Davis was there and will be at Paige's in Otis on February 28th.

One statement made at the breakfast is the meaning of a library. "The Library is the center of the Community and the Community is the center of the Library."

The meeting adjourned at 6:38.

Respectfully submitted

Lois A Hall