

Camden Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes of January 19, 2023 meeting via zoom

In Attendance: Penny Abbott, Silvio Calabi, Jennifer Gromada, Ken Gross, John Fitzgerald Dave Jackson, Elinor Klivans Nikki Maounis, Colin Page, Betsy Perry, Jeremy Pratt, Sophie Romano, Sarah Serafini, Kristen Smith, Susan Todd, Natalie Travia, and Marti Wolfe

Absent: Ken Gardiner,

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

-There was no public comment

-The minutes of the November 17, 2022 Board of Director's meeting were approved as amended.

- Amendments included:

- Remove Julia Sagaser name from attendees list
- Correct committee name to Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee handout which shares. . .
- Spelling of Meaghan Stiman

Election of Officers and New Trustees

- Absentee ballots managed by Nikki Maounis over zoom
- Officers: :President, Silvio Calabi; Vice-President, Kristen Smith; Secretary, Jennifer Gromada; Treasurer, Susan Todd
- New Trustees: Dennis McGuirk and Liz Senders

Director's Report: Nikki Maounis

- Library is feeling much more normal (since pandemic began). More patrons through the door, more items checked out
- Hybrid programming taking place
- Proposed Budget to present to Town of Camden in March

Income

Development up 10%

Endowment income down slightly due to market shift

Harbor Arts down 20%

Amphitheatre rental slight increase

Other minor income sources under \$15,000

Will ask Town of Camden for \$555,000 up 6%

Library contribution \$576,069 or 51%

Town of Camden contribution \$555,000 or 49%

Total Income \$1,131,069

Expenses

Electrical costs have not come down as promised by Siemens

Siemens is supposed to do an analysis for all town buildings involved

Sophie Romano and Nikki will follow-up on possible compensation

Hard to guess propane costs for budget proposal

Income and expenses balance each other out

Motion made and seconded to accept budget as presented; passed unanimously

- Development
 - 58% of \$210,000 annual development goal met
 - 64.5% of \$25,000 annual board goal met
- STAR Library status explained
 - based on circulation,

- program attendance
- public internet and computer use
- based on population of the town where library resides
- 4 star libraries in Maine
- CPL only 5 star library in the state

Finance Committee: Nikki Maounis

- Halfway through fiscal year and development is at 58% of annual goal
- Millay brought in \$55,000
- Book Sales at 94% of annual goal
- CPL investments reflecting volatility in the market
- Finance Committee will discuss laddering bonds with Allen Agency in April
- Maintenance of building and parks always a concern
- Storm damage estimated at \$7,000, insurance company will not cover water damage and will cover wind damage, hoping to recover some of repair costs
- Nikki and Silvio have both been in touch with the Town regarding storm damage
- FEMA met with Town to assess storm damage, library not included in that assessment, Sophie will follow up to find out why Library was not included in FEMA assessment

Building and Parks: Dave Jackson

- Dave Eaton of Maine Stone and Landscaping did a phenomenal job with storm clean up

Megunticook River Citizens Advisory Committee: Susan Todd

- First Tuesday of the month the committee meets for a recorded meeting available on the Town website
- Third Tuesday of the month is a Forum to discuss issues

Centennial Fund Committee: Silvio Calabi

- Fund is down because market is down
- Forecast is for market improvement in second half of 2023
- Distribution of funds will continue at 5% until June 30, 2023
- April meeting of committee will decide on distribution, possibly 4.5% beginning July, 1, 2023

New Business

- Nikki will send out a meeting calendar
- Nikki will send out a committee list
- Trustees will let Nikki know if they'd like to continue on present committees or switch
- Planning to use OWL at the February 16, 2023, Board of Director's Meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 5:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marti Wolfe
Secretary