

Minutes of the Pierson Library Board of Trustees meeting held January 19, 2023

Call to order: Motion by Alice, second by Char 6:31pm

Present: Holly Brough, Alice Brown, Becky Jewett, Charlotte Albers, Kristin Kelly Jangraw, Julia Shrier, Lily O'Brien; Library Director Kevin Unrath

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Char, second by Holly

Approval of Minutes from November 30, 2022: Motion by Holly, second by Char

Treasurer's Report:

Giving Tuesday brought in great funds, but 65 donors!

Lisa suggests a presentation comparing, for example, monthly deposits from previous years, and where we are within the year. Becky says that she can take this on.

Kevin suggests putting some of our balance into a higher interest-generating account within the Citizen's Bank.

Library Director Update:

Water bill for the water leak was high! Ouch! Have replaced flushers now, so problem won't happen again, but may also need to dig up concrete floor for final repairs.

Building cleaning bill for year will be high due to cleaning from dry sprinkler problem.

Building use is high, people are coming here to do their work, too.

Donation agreement in process for sculpture.

Add Become a Friend checkmark on our Giving Tuesday solicitation; looking to find other Friend-friendly activities, like cookie party and presentations for Friends. Build a larger community of Friends.

Katie W will post on FPF more info on using Kanopy.

Budget for next fiscal year (2023-2024): Has been going through without many cuts and with a few additions.

Circulation stats: Peaks in summer, dips in fall and spring. Similar trends over the past three years.

Data for collection: Think about future of Library's DVDs and other becoming-obsolete materials.

Terms of Board: Alice and Kristin would each like to continue serving on the Board in another Term.

Library Trustee Projects/Ideas:

Policy to review--Behavior policy in the Library for patrons. And what exactly is a patron. Kristin and Holly will work on this with Kevin.

Building enhancements (Alex, Becky, Lily) No updates, except for funky carpet

Art in the library (Alex, Julia) volunteer art coordinator: Lily and Julia have emailed and met with head of CVU art department about student art for Library. He will start this new semester with conversations with other Art Educators on this topic.

Could we find a volunteer art coordinator for the Library? Alex works with BCA and on art policy; another volunteer could coordinate with artists for displays in the Library. Advertise on FPF. Town, by the way, will also need a new person. Lisa will post from the Trustees on FPF to contact Kevin about this volunteer art coordinator position.

Storybook walks (Kristin, Becky, Holly, Julia): New one just went up on the window!

Friends Book Sale April 28 - April 30 in the Town Hall. This is the second weekend of the school spring break. Books will be accepted Tuesdays and Saturdays starting Feb 11, 2023. They may also have a pie sale at the same time; they'd be looking for donations of pies by Trustees and Friends. Pretty pies and fruit pies sell best.

Debrief Cookie Party from December: Felt good, would like even more attendance. Suggest this as an annual event, inviting again former Board members and Friends Board.

Library is hosting our state reps at the end of each month ("Meet your Legislators"). Can we advertise this as a Library event? Yes, we say—this is civic engagement; meet your elected officials.

Next meeting scheduled for **February 16 6:30 PM**

Call to adjourn: Motion by Alice, second by Becky. 7:47 PM.