

AMAGANSETT FREE LIBRARY
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Approved Minutes of November 17, 2023

Present: Marc Donnenfeld (President), Calandra Sheen (Vice President), Shari Thompson (Secretary), Barbara Hill, Linda MacCracken, Arielle Hessler (Director). The meeting took place in the library's Community Room and was called to order by President Marc Donnenfeld at 9:05.

I. Approval of Agenda. Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 27, 2023 Regular Meeting. Approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

III. Financial Report. Director Arielle Hessler reported that "we are pretty much on target."

IV. President's Report. President Marc Donnenfeld noted that Sadie Stephenson has resigned from the board (see item X, A) and expressed appreciation, on behalf of the trustees, for all that she has done for the library, most recently as Policy Committee Chair.

V. Director's Report. Director Arielle Hessler reported that our annual appeal was sent out this past week and expressed thanks to Tiina Rosen, of Tiina the Store, which closed recently, for donating, to our library, a 2017 MacBook Pro laptop, two 2019 Apple ipads, and 15 clear storage bins. The laptop and ipads will be used by the staff, and a use will be found for the bins. Arielle further reported that two of our three boiler control boards are not functioning and are being replaced; Weber & Grahn is doing the work.

Arielle noted that our Autumn Veggie Cooking Demonstration, at 5:30 last Friday and featuring a farm educator from Amber Waves and a delicious-tasting root soup prepared on a hot plate, was highly successful and that we hope to collaborate with Amber Waves on more cooking programs. Arielle noted also that tomorrow's program, Make a Candle!, at 3:00, is full.

The weeding of our adult nonfiction collection is nearing completion, and our magazines are being weeded for old and unused issues. Book displays for Native American Heritage Month are on view throughout the library, and fall- and Thanksgiving-themed book displays have been featured in the Children's Department.

VI. Secretary's Report. Secretary Shari Thompson had nothing special to report.

VII. Trustees Reports. None.

VIII. Committee Reports. Director Arielle Hessler noted that she will schedule committee meetings (there were no committee meetings in the past month), and it was agreed that Barbara Hill will chair the Policy Committee.

IX. Old Business. None.

X. New Business

A. Motion to accept the resignation from Trustee Sadie Stephenson, effective November 13, 2023. We are sorry to be losing Sadie, and approved the motion by unanimous consent.

B. Motion to approve the Proposed SCLS (Suffolk Cooperative Library System) FY 2024 Budget. Approved by unanimous consent.

C. Renewal of Froeschl Apple Bank CD. Resolved, that Director Arielle Hessler and Treasurer Dan Mongan will move the entire balance of the Apple Bank CD account at maturity and will reinvest it in a new business CD account with the highest rate of APR available at the time in one Apple, Dime, or M&T Bank CD. Approved by unanimous consent.

D. Long-Range Planning Discussion: Technology. The board discussed ideas for future library technology services, such as lendable items or dedicated technology space in the library. Hotspots, 3D printing, recording space, and advanced computer programs were mentioned.

XI. Approval of Regular Bills. Approved by unanimous consent.

XII. Correspondence. None.

XIII. Period for Public Expression. No one from the public was present.

XIV. Executive Session. From 10:20 until 10:50 there was an Executive Session in which Director Arielle Hessler was included and a personnel matter was discussed.

After the Executive Session was adjourned, a motion was made to approve the salary adjustment for the Head of Adult and Teen Services, effective December 24, 2023. Approved by unanimous consent.

XV. Approval of Personnel Report. Approved by unanimous consent.

XVI. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, December 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm