

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 20, 2024

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:15 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Pat Doogan, Bob Eddings, Bill Richardson, Kate Kelly, Cathy Coombe and Leanore Egan. Also present were Philip Coombe Jr, guest; Cathy Russo, Bookkeeper, and new Director, Elizabeth Wolpert.

Public Comments: Guest Philip Coombe, Jr. addressed the Board to thank everyone for volunteering to assist with the funeral reception of his wife Carolyn Coombe on January 27.

He also wanted to review various topics including the history of the addition and advantages of the geothermal heat pump system.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Correspondence: None

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for February and Cathy Russo addressed questions. The Balance sheet figures were otherwise little changed from the previous report. Many donations were received in memory of Carolyn Coombe, deposited to the DPL Building Fund.

On the Operating report, she pointed out that we received two PILOT payments for 2024, and the Donut Day sales. It was moved by C Coombe and seconded by L Egan to accept the financial statements for February. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Director Beth Wolpert presented the Director's Report for February into March. The Annual Report was filed and accepted. The report summarized the activities that took place during the month and scheduled for April. She introduced new fundraising ideas and updated the Board on the 2024 and subsequent budget votes. Her report is attached.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. There was discussion about funding of new programs, new fundraising ideas and whether Giant Pumpkin Party should continue to be a major fundraising event. Another possible fundraising idea is offering books for sale year-round.
2. Spring clean up should be scheduled for late April and early May. The first tentative date is Wednesday, April 24 to include Boy Scout volunteers and adult volunteers. Additional days will be set for May 11 and May 18 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Committee Updates: Kate Kelly reported that the Building Use Committee met to review and rewrite the policy for using the Community Room, Reading Room and outside patio area.

C Coombe gave a brief summary of the DPL Building Foundation meeting that was held in early March. The application for 501c (3) status is nearly complete.

President M Martin updated the Board on progress of the 125th Anniversary Committee. Additional planning meetings will be scheduled in coming weeks.

It was moved by C Coombe to move to Executive session. Seconded by Leanore. Motion carried. Moved to exit Executive session. Moved by Bill, seconded by Bob; motion carried.

It was moved by B Eddings and seconded by P Doogan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe, Secretary