

Daniel Pierce Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 21, 2024

A meeting of the Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library was called to order at 7:10 pm with President Mari Martin presiding. Other Trustees present were Mike Schiffer, Bob Eddings, Bill Richardson, Kate Kelly, Cathy Coombe, Leanore Egan, and Dave Schneyer. Also present were Cathy Russo, Bookkeeper, and new Director, Elizabeth Wolpert.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: Leanore Egan read the following correspondence:

Thank you note from Philip Coombe Jr for gifts. Thank you note from Philip Coombe Jr and family for the garden planting.

From Cathy Coombe for the fruit and gift basket in memory of Carolyn Coombe.

Financial Reports: The Board reviewed the financial statements for January and Cathy Russo addressed questions. C Russo pointed out a banking error whereby funds were moved from the wrong bank account. The error was quickly corrected by the bank. The Balance sheet figures were otherwise little changed from the previous report.

There were several donations in memory of Carolyn Coombe for the month of January to the Building fund. These will be recorded separately for a special purpose to be determined in the future.

On the Operating report, she pointed out that we received our first PILOT payment for 2024, and two expense items were slightly higher than usual.

It was moved by B Eddings and seconded by Leanore to accept the financial statements for January. Motion carried.

Director's Report: Ms. Beth Wolpert presented the Director's Report for January and February to date. The report summarized the activities that took place during the month since her begin date of January 16. She noted that there were 113 attendees at the Take Your Child to the Library Day event. She has enjoyed meeting people in the community. She reported that the Mardi Gras Donut Day raised \$2099. She reported that she has had several very productive meetings with TVCS Superintendent Erin Long. Joint activities, involving teens in particular, are being planned. Her report is attached.

Old Business:

The STARK quote to repair the Geothermal system has been approved and return, and the parts have been ordered. Once repaired, the system will run much more efficiently. Bill Richardson requested that monthly kilowatt hours usage figures be added to the monthly statistics report.

President M Martin circulated the DPL Annual Report to NYS for review by each Trustee.

President Martin reintroduced the discussion of whether the annual budget vote for the DPL should be held with the TVCS school budge vote. DPL has held a separate vote at the library for 12 years. The advantages and disadvantages of holding a separate vote verses joining with the school, including the cost involved with holding it at DPL, were reviewed. However more information is needed in order to make a reasonable decision at the meeting.

President Martin read the Resolution to approve the annual report.

**Whereas: The Daniel Pierce Library operated under its plan of service in accordance with the provisions of Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner;
Be it resolved that the Daniel Pierce Library assures that the 2023 Annual Report was reviewed and accepted by the board.**

The Resolution was moved for approval by Bill Richardson and seconded by Leonore Egan. Motion carried.

New Business:

C Russo presented a report of the tax cap levy figures, including dollar amounts of a 2.0% increase to the NYS Tax Cap. It was moved by B Richardson to support a 2.0% tax increase, plus the allotted carry over from the previous year, which remains below the NYS Tax Cap. Seconded by Dave Schneyer. Motion carried.

Kate moved to approve a budget for the hosting of the 125th DPL Anniversary Celebration. Seconded by Bob Eddings. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bill Richardson to remove Michelle DeMilia from any and all accounts including the accounts held at Charles Schwab. Seconded by Dave Schneyer. Motion carried.

Committee Updates: President Martin requested the Building Use and Policy committee meet soon to review and update the current policy.

The 125th Anniversary Committee will be meeting March 7 at 4pm. A summary of the planned Anniversary Celebration was presented for review.

It was moved by Bob and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Coombe, Secretary