

PALISADES FREE LIBRARY  
MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024, 7:00 PM  
AT THE LIBRARY

Present: Marjorie Galen, presiding; Laurie Ferguson, Kris Haberman, Yvonna Kopacz, Mary Murphy, Erica Lockwood, Maria Gagliardi recording  
Excused: Kathryn Shattuck

Marjorie called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 MEETINGS

Laurie moved and Mary seconded. All in favor

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Statistics are holding steady month over month and year over year

BUILDING REPORT

- Michael Esmay appeared before the planning board on Wednesday, September 25. The plan was approved to move on to the zoning board.
- Construction Grant: RCLS to announced we will receive our request of \$26,000 for the bathroom and storage projects.
- Landscaper moved rocks to the front of parking lot fencing and filled with topsoil: \$1,580.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- 2024 YTD Operating Budget Report: Laurie reviewed.
- Town Funding 2025: The supervisor's budget has us at a 2.7% increase, not the 4% we requested.

**Resolution: to ask for 20% increase in total 259 funding with the Palisades Free Library receiving \$120,000. Moved by Yvonna and seconded by Erica. All in favor.**

- We are still waiting for the 2023 audit.

OLD BUSINESS

- Change in Bylaws to remove term limits:  
**Resolution: to remove term limits from the Palisades Free Library Board of Trustees Bylaws. Moved by Mary, seconded by Kris. All in favor.**
- Legacy brochure: Marjorie will continue to work on it with help from Laurie and Mary.
- Farm Day: Yvonna reviewed the event.

NEW BUSINESS

**Kris moved and Laurie seconded the nominations of Marjorie Galen and Erica Lockwood for the 2 open seats for the trustee terms 2025-2029. All in favor.**

**RCLS 2025 Budget: Maria reviewed and recommended the board accept the RCLS 2025 budget. Laurie moved and Kris seconded. All in favor.**

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 pm Yvonna moved to adjourn and Kris seconded. All in favor.

NEXT BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024. This is the library's annual meeting and we will elect trustees.