

NORWOOD LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

From: Alice David
Date: December 6, 2022

Members in attendance: Alice David, Kathleen Hartman, Steve Murray, David Fenton, Leonard Halpern, Denise DiVincenzo, Molly Andrasik

Not in attendance: Holly Scott, Kathryn Boswell

Library Director: Amanda Jones

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. on November 17, 2022.

Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Alice to accept the consent agenda, which was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

After inquiry, it was determined that no conflicts of interest existed for any new or old business.

A motion was made by Molly to pay the outstanding bills, as audited by Steve. The motion was seconded by David and passed unanimously. No irregularities were found in the audit.

Old business: The IRS 990 is still unresolved, with no update regarding when it might be.

The board reviewed the NPL By-Laws. Term limits for board officers were discussed and dismissed as not necessary. Other suggested revisions will be made, including adding virtual meeting language, and will be presented for vote at the December meeting

New business:

Regarding recent issues arising from use of the outdoor pavilion by teens and young adults, Amanda advised that despite a recent citizen complaint, she feels that she has developed a positive relationship with the teens in question (all known to her) and that she is comfortable admonishing them and they respect her. Amanda also advised that she discussed the teen matter with Officer Wells at the Norwood PD, and that he will have his officers keep an eye on the library when we are closed. Since we consider the library to be a “safe space,” the board decided not to enact any additional prohibitions regarding teen use of the library facilities, inside or outside.

It was noted again that the Friends will hold a Book and Bake Sale on December 3rd from 9 am – 2 pm, and that any donation of baked goods would be welcome.

The library will also put out boxes for toiletry donations for NCLS to distribute to elder care facilities.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session, which adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Leonard made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 pm. The motion was seconded by David, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be December 15, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the NPL Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice David