

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting

May 13, 2024

6:30 pm – In-person

I. Meeting Called to Order at 6:31 PM

Board Member Attendance

Laura Biancone, Vice-President, Christy Resh, by phone, Treasurer, Mariel Jordan, Secretary, Michael Fritz, Member,

2. Public Comment

-Susan Broome stated that the Exeter Supervisors, Exeter Township School District, ARL Board all have emails that are available to the public. The Exeter Community library board does not have an email box that is monitored and that the board needs to be able to be reached. She would also recommend that the library finds a training course that deals with problem-solving with the library staff and board, so the library can best serve the needs of the public. When issues arise, the library needs to know. She stated that the board should get a general email box that is monitored and have someone come in from the outside who can work on problem-solving with staff and board.

-Jeff Carson stated the library and the board are public and are isolating themselves. Last month's meeting was moved abruptly to Zoom. He feels there has been coordination between former director, assistant director and board members to move specific individuals into positions. He stated that firings have had a major impact on youth services.

-Robert Broome stated the police presence at the meeting is ridiculous. He stated the agenda needs to be published 24 hours prior to the meeting. He stated the board doesn't listen and respond, and he feels that the library board will be in the same position with hiring a new executive director as the previous situation with hiring an executive director.

-Mike Fritz introduced himself to the members of the public as the representative to St. Lawrence. He stated that in the world we live in, police presence is okay to have at meetings. He encourages the public to give the board a chance to reorganize. Mike will read the statement sent from Mr. Broome to St. Lawrence.

III.Executive Session to discuss personnel. Motion to enter executive session at 6:40 PM Mariel Jordan, Second Mike Fritz.

Executive Session ended: 6:56 PM.

IV.Approval of Minutes

A. Motion to accept April 8, 2024 minutes, Mike Fritz, Second Christy Resh. Motion carries.

V.Library Director's Report: Laura Biancone shared the director's report with the board. The report reviewed circulation and library usage data.

VI.Friends' Report: No report at this meeting.

VII.Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh reviewed the treasurer's report that had been shared with the board. A donation from Mascaro was received this month.

Presentation of the Bills

A. Motion to pay the March bills, Mariel Jordan, Second Mike Fritz. Motion carries.

B. Motion to pay the April bills, Laura Biancone, Second Mike Fritz. Motion carries.

VIII.County System Update: Mariel Jordan will begin attending the meetings. The next meeting will be May 15th. Mariel will update the board at the June meeting.

IX.Committee Reports

A. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair): Laura Biancone shared that Theresa Mowad asked that the board members review 5K spreadsheet and work to get more sponsors and volunteers for the event.

B. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): Christy Resh stated the necessary documents are being gathered for the Year-end audit which will begin over the summer.

C. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): No update

D. Policy: Mike Bennethum (Chair): Next meeting new policy chair will be identified.

E. Board Recruitment: No update.

X.Strategic Plan: No update.

XI.Unfinished Business: No update.

XII.New Business

A. The Executive Director has resigned and the board will begin the process to rehire an executive director.

XIII.Training Opportunities:

A. Theresa Mowad shared an email with training to the board this week.

XIV.Board Member Comment: No comment

XV.Next Meeting June 10, 2023, 6:30 PM, In Person.

XVI.Adjournment:

A. Motion to Adjourn meeting, Mariel Jordan, Second Mike Fritz. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.