

Exeter Library Association Board Meeting

July 8, 2024

6:30 pm – In-person

Meeting Called to Order at 6:30 PM.

Vice-President Laura Biancone announced that an Executive Session (from 6:06-6:30 PM) was held to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Attendance

Theresa G. Mowad (on phone), Laura Biancone, Vice-President Christy Resh, Treasurer Mariel Jordan, Secretary, Michael Fritz, Member, Jordan Henning, Member, Brian Ackerman, Member,

Public Comment:

Jeff Carson: Welcomed the new board members. He stated that he is here to remind the board to clean up the mess from a select group of library individuals. He stated that he feels that the board president and assistant director are not present at the meeting because he believes they are hiding from last summer's hiring of previous executive director. He believes the previous executive director steered firing and promoting certain library personnel. He also stated that he believes Laura Biancone would make a good president. He said he hopes the board will do the right thing.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept June 10, 2024 minutes Brian Ackerman, Second Mike Fritz.
Motion carries.

Library Director's Report: Laura Biancone shared the executive director's report including monthly statistics for library usage. The report discussed funds for the new library computers and a timeline for when the computers will be up and running. SALSA information was shared. The report stated that the library is applying for the reimbursement provided for Summer Quest and Library of Things. Also, plans for the 25th birthday celebration of the library are underway.

Friends' Report: Charlene Zawaski shared that the Friends provided \$1,788 for Martin Flooring, Book Club Kits, Mutter museum passes and Book it Run. Future events: September 7th 9-1 Accessory Sale. Oct. 19th book sale.

Treasurer's Report: Christy Resh shared the treasurer's report sharing account and budget information.

Presentation of the Bills: Christy Resh presented the bills to the board

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

County System Update: Mariel Jordan asked for a second representative from the board for the County System. Mike Fritz volunteered as the second individual for the county system.

Committee Reports

1. Fundraising: Theresa Mowad (Chair): Theresa Mowad shared information about the June 2024 Book it 5K. 78 people ran during the event and 15 participated in the fun run. The event received positive feedback from the participants. \$2,158 was raised. Theresa discussed a possible earlier start time for next year.
2. Finance: Christy Resh (Chair): Audit is underway.
3. Technology: Ibrahim Bangura (Chair): No update
4. Policy: (Chair): Brian Ackerman will become the chair for the policy committee.
5. Board Recruitment: No update

Strategic Plan: No update

Unfinished Business: Laura Biancone shared information on the current search for a new executive director. She stated that initial interviews have been held. The hiring committee hopes to provide a candidate for voting in August.

New Business: No update

Training Opportunities: No update

Board Member Comment: Mike Fritz is willing to start looking at the property for ideas and suggestions.

Next Meeting August 12, 2023, 6:30 PM, In Person

Adjournment: **Motion to adjourn** meeting at 6:50 PM, Mariel Jordan, Second Christy Resh. Motion carries.