

**TOWN OF BERLIN
BERLIN-PECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD
BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10, 2024
6:30 PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present

Chairman Donna Moore (zoom), Vice Chairman Robert Lewis
Chris Fasciano, Kevin Wilhelm, Gail Marino, Carol Welz, Karen Pagliaro

Staff Present

Kim McNally

Members Absent

Lillian Ulan, Elaine Borselle

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS:

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Kevin Wilhelm moved to approve the minutes, December 13, 2023, seconded Carol Welz, passed unanimously.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

Director McNally reported "All Staffs Day" and the "14th Annual Gingerbread House Contest" were both a success. A donation was made from the Junior Women's Club of a backpack with hiking materials. The purchase order was approved for the shelving and tables by the Town Council. Director McNally had a conversation with Donna Bovee who is on the board for the proposed new Community Center/Senior Center. The library will need to make a list of the needs for taking over the Community Center space. Soft space, quiet space, book store café, 3-D printer space, larger children's area, sound proof research areas, a new kitchen, larger employee lounge, book sale access, expanding history room and larger maker space are things that the public and the board have suggested. The Strategic Plan was presented to the Town Council and was very well received.

Director McNally has taken an amazing opportunity at New Canaan Library as the President and CEO. She will continue to do courageous conversations. Carrie Tyszka will fill in as the interim director.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Donna Moore will not be attending the February 2024 meeting.

FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN PECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT:

Gail Marino attended the December 2023 meeting. Amazon Smile is not going to work out as an option. The December balance was \$6,591.12. Year to date was a \$700.00 surplus.

OLD BUSINESS

This will be Chris Fasciano's last board meeting. The board thanks him for his time served. The seed library will be starting soon. Jeff McNally will be purchasing seeds at Comstock Ferry. He will also look at Bakers Creek for seed prices.

NEW BUSINESS

Director McNally read off some names of people that she thought may want to join the board. She will reach out to them. The Board wishes Director McNally well in her new position in New Canaan.

Chris Fasciano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Karen Pagliaro, passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Marlo Thomas Matassa
Recording Secretary

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