

**Simsbury Public Library – Board of Trustees  
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.  
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room and Zoom**

**Present:** Lisa Karim, Director of Simsbury Public Library; Kathleen Miller, Chair of Library Board of Trustees; Holly McGrath, Secretary of Library Board of Trustees; Greg Golinski, President of the Friends of the Library; Tolly Gibbs, Mary Glassman, Mark Orenstein, and Colleen Yates.

**Absent:** Polly Rice, Vice Chair of Library Board of Trustees; Dave Blume and Susan Rubenstein.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 6, 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Orenstein made a motion to accept the Minutes for the February 6, 2023, meeting as written. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC AUDIENCE**

Sharon Thomas from the Simsbury Board of Education was present.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

No communications.

**FRIENDS' REPORT**

Mr. Golinski reported that Ms. Karim's proposals for a printer and tables have been approved.

He stated there will be another volunteer workshop at the Library this coming Saturday.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Karim reported that two part time library services assistants have been hired.

The “Fostering Change” series begins tomorrow night with a discussion on antisemitism and Jewish theology. Each event in the series will focus on a different culture with community discussion facilitated by guest speakers.

## **ADVOCACY**

Ms. Karim stated that the e-book bill needs support, and she encourages people to write to legislators.

## **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT**

The event will take place Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. in the FSPL room.

## **FY BUDGET 2023-2024**

The Board of Selectmen are presenting their budget, including the Library's service improvement budget, at the Board of Finance meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 P.M. in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen will also include the Library's service improvement, which is the summer outreach with the book bike that will rotate visiting the five elementary schools through week.

There have been increases to teen materials budget with \$4,500, children's programming \$4,250, conference and education for staff \$2,000.

The vending machine for Tariffville did not get funded.

All three elevators in town will be replaced.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

General explanation was provided.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not necessary.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Orenstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blaze  
Commission Clerk