Simsbury Public Library – Board of Trustees  
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 16, 2022, 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; Polly Rice, Vice Chair of Library Board of Trustees; Greg Golinski, President of the Friends of the Library; Dave Blume, Mary Glassman, Linda Johnson, Holly McGrath, Mark Orenstein, and Susan Rubenstein attended via Zoom.

Absent: Heather Goetz, Board of Selectmen Liaison and Tolly Gibbs.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Ms. Glassman made a motion to add Summer Hours to the Agenda. Mr. Blume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 18, 2022

Mr. Golinski corrected that the Friends bus trip should read May 18th, not May 19th.

MOTION: Ms. McGrath made a motion to approve the Minutes for the April 18th, 2022, meeting as amended. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Blume abstained.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No public audience was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications.

FRIENDS REPORT

Mr. Golinski reported that the bus trip is this Wednesday.

The author luncheon is Thursday, May 19th moving the annual Friends’ Meeting to June.
The Special Selections Book Sale will be this weekend, May 21st and 22nd.

CHAIR REPORT

Ms. Miller reported that the Association of Connecticut Library Boards has developed a survey to provide information on future workshops and conferences and they would like the Board members to fill them out.

The presentation of the Strategic Plan to the Board of Selectmen took place on April 25th. The plan was well received. She also noted there was a comment made in the Public Audience suggesting that SCTV be moved to the library.

Ms. Glassman commented that both she and Mr. Orenstein sit on the Board for SCTV, and that suggestion has not been put forward.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Karim reported that Pedaling Bikes and Books is this Saturday, May 21st from 9:30 A.M. until noon, and at 10:00 A.M. they will be announcing a Recognition Award for being a Silver Level Bike Friendly Community, the first library in CT to accomplish this.

The Business and Career Center Coordinator position has been posted to Indeed.com and has gotten many applicants, with three candidates likely to be interviewed.

June is PRIDE month and there will be PRIDE displays and activities. The Library will be part of the Town PRIDE picnic, and there will be a program “Trans 101: Learn The Facts” on June 20th.

JUNE MEETING

Ms. Miller proposed that with Ms. Karim not being able to attend the June meeting due to medical leave and no pressing action needed for discussion the meeting should be canceled.

MOTION: Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the cancellation of the June meeting. Ms. Glassman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY CARD REPLACEMENT FEES

Ms. Karim found that over the last five years library card replacement fees have generated $44 in revenue and that the benefit of removing this barrier to access outweighs the financial gain.

MOTION: Ms. McGrath made a motion to approve the elimination of library card replacement fees. Mr. Orenstein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
EVEHICLE CHARGING STATION

Ms. Karim stated that she is looking for a grant to fund an EVehicle charging station in the parking lot.

BUDGET

Ms. Karim stated that they are running under budget.

A memo with proposed year-end projects has been sent out and approved by the Town Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed.

SUMMER HOURS

Ms. Karim stated that the library’s summer hours usually begin after July 4th, but with July 4th falling on a Monday, she proposes that summer hours begin July 1st and go until Labor Day.

Ms. Johnson announced that Marianne O’Neil has been awarded a Hometown Hero Award with the ceremony taking place Monday, May 23rd at 5:00 P.M. on the Town Hall lawn.

Mr. Blume made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blaze
Commission Clerk