Simsbury Public Library – Board of Trustees  
Town of Simsbury, Connecticut  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 19, 2022, at 7:00 P.M.  
Simsbury Public Library – Weatogue Room and Zoom

Present: Lisa Karim, Director of Simsbury Public Library; Polly Rice, Vice Chair of Library Board of Trustees; Greg Golinski, President of the Friends of the Library; Dave Blume, Tolly Gibbs, Linda Johnson, Holly McGrath, and Mark Orenstein.

Absent: Kathleen Miller, Chair of Library Board of Trustees; Mary Glassman and Susan Rubenstein.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Rice requested that after the Finance Report “Lisa Karim’s Goals for 2022-2023” be added to the Agenda.

MOTION: Ms. Gibbs made a motion for “Lisa Karim’s Goals for 2022-2023” be added to the Agenda. Mr. Orenstein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 18, 2022

MOTION: Ms. McGrath made a motion to accept the Minutes for the July 18, 2022, meeting as written. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Blume, Ms. Gibbs, and Ms. Rice abstained.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

No public audience was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications.

FRIENDS’ REPORT

Mr. Golinski reported that although he did not intend for the annual Friends’ meeting to be in the same month as the author luncheon, the meeting list unfortunately was sent out without the
The annual author luncheon will take place in May and the annual meeting will be held in June.

Mr. Golinski reported that the Book Sale will be October 1st and 2nd, and there is a need for cashiers.

Mr. Golinski reported that Sarah Hart was recognized as being a past President of the Friends and for her twenty years of outstanding dedication and service to the Library and the Friends.

CHAIR’S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Karim reported that this summer was the most successful summer reading program in the history of the library with over 2,000 people participating. It also had the highest teen participation.

Ms. Karim reported that Cyn Thomas has been promoted from part time Adult Services Librarian to full time Adult Services Librarian. She started off in 2020 working as a Page in the Children’s Department and has since earned her MSLS.

Mr. Orenstein asked how staffing is. Ms. Karim responded that the Library is down a part time Adult Services Librarian, a part time Children’s Reference Librarian, and a Business and Career Center Coordinator.

ACCEPTANCE OF FRIENDS OF THE SIMSBURY LIBRARY GIFT FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

Ms. Karim stated that the gift is $59,675.

MOTION: Mr. Orenstein made a motion to accept the Friends of the Simsbury Library gift for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF PAINTING GIFTED BY LINDA BROCKELMAN OGDEN

Ms. Karim stated that the painting will be displayed in the Business and Career Center.

MOTION: Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the painting gifted by Linda Brockelman Ogden. Mr. Blume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE REPORT
Ms. Karim reported that the Library has already paid a large portion under Library Administration: Contractual Services for the one-time fee for the membership in the Library Consortium.

**LISA KARIM’S GOALS FOR 2022-2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Blume made a motion to approve Lisa Karim’s Goals for 2022-2023. Ms. Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Mr. Blume made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:15 pm. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion on wording of the Performance Review for Lisa Karim for 2021-2022, but it was decided that the current wording was sufficient.

**MOTION:** Mr. Blume made a motion to close Executive Session at 7:20 pm. Ms. Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the Performance Review for Lisa Karim for 2021-2022. Ms. McGrath seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Orenstein made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Blume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Blaze
Commission Clerk