Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Town of Pelham Public Library  
530 Colonial Avenue  
Pelham, New York 10803

The May 8, 2024, meeting was held at 7:30 pm, in-person at the Library.

Trustees Present: Lisa Robb, Rob Gimigliano, Catherine Campbell, Michelle Dvorkin, Keith Keaveny, Paul Topogna, Amie Hughes, Nadira Boodhoo, Matt Kane

Absent: Jennifer Meyer, Judy Shampanier

Others Present: August Turner, Library Director; Maura Curtin, Town Liaison

CC called the meeting to order at 7:33pm

Minutes
- Action Item: Approve April 3, 2024 meeting minutes as presented by CC. LR moved, AH seconded. Passed unanimously.

Finance Committee
- Financials of April 30, 2024 presented by NB  
  - Quarterly distribution was received from the Friends.  
  - Interest earned remains solid.  
  - Notary income remains ahead of projections.  
  - NB is continuing to research opening a brokerage account with a local bank. She will report her findings at a future meeting.  
- Action item: Accept financials as of April 30, 2024 as presented by NB. MK moved, PT seconded. Passed unanimously.

Policy Committee
- Presented by CC  
  - There was a discussion regarding the Review of Materials Selection policy, Reconsideration of Library Materials policy, and Request for Reconsideration Form.  

Buildings and Grounds
- Report given by RG  
  - Door counter research concluded. A new door counter will be installed within the next month.

Friends’ Liaison Report
- Presented by CC  
  - The September event at the library will be called Booktember Fest and will be held on September 28, from 5-8 pm.  
  - The goal of the party is to bring people into the building who don’t use the Library and showcase its value to the community.
Capital Campaign
- Presented by CC
  - The Campaign Committee sent out a RFP and received three good proposals.
  - The Committee will interview firms and report back to the Trustees at the next meeting.

Director’s Report
- Presented by AT
  - The Library gave away 500 eclipse glasses to Pelham Library cardholders which resulted in a surge in Library card applications and renewals.
  - New York Library Association (NYLA) submitted a “friend of the court” brief in response to a book ban appeal in Wayne County, NY. The appeal, looking to ban certain titles in a county school district, was dismissed by NYS Commissioner of Education Betty A. Rosa.
  - The Library will begin hosting Good Dogs in the Library, a special story time where kids read to dogs. The program will begin July 9. Special thanks to the Good Dog Foundation, Pelham resident Lisa Kiernan, and Freckles, a good dog.
  - The Library’s new digital photo scanning program has been a success and the Library has received heartwarming feedback from users.

Adjournment at 8:23pm by CC

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting of the Town of Pelham Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.