

CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
15 GREENWOOD AVENUE
Library Meeting Room
April 18th, 2023 4:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Trustees Present: James Cousins, Julie Laracy, Jeanne Wright, Andrea Libby, Jason Cicero
Staff Present: David Smolen

1. **Call to Order** by David Smolen at 4:03 PM
2. **Election of Officers**
 - a. Chair – Motion was made to nominate James Cousins as Chair. All in favor. 4-0
 - b. Vice Chair – Motion was made to nominate Julie Laracy as Vice Chair. All in favor 4-0
 - c. Treasurer – Motion was made to nominate Jason Cicero as Treasurer. All in favor 4-0
 - d. Secretary – Motion was made to nominate Kathy Bennett as Secretary. All in favor 4-0.
3. **Public Comment.** Daymond Steer asked a question about the draft Freedom to Read statement. He asked about the challenged book.
4. **New Business: Freedom to Read Statement Discussion** (Jason Cicero entered the meeting at this time). A discussion ensued. No vote was taken.
5. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes.** Not available
6. **Acceptance of unanticipated revenue.** Director Smolen reported \$84.50 in unanticipated revenue.
7. **Reports. Treasurer.** Jason Cicero presented his report. A motion was made to accept the report. All in favor 5-0.
8. **Reports. Director.** Director Smolen highlighted the following items from his report:
 - a. Library observed anniversary of April 1st crash
 - b. Draft drawings received from Barba+Wheelock
 - c. Odyssey of the Mind (OM) team placed first in their division at regional tourney on March 25th
 - d. OM team heading to world finals at Michigan State University Memorial Day weekend
 - e. School board candidate forum was held April 5th
9. **Reports. Friends.** Director Smolen gave the Friends report. The Friends are in need of a new Trustee liaison. They are getting ready for “NH Gives.”
10. **Cybersecurity Policy.** Andrea Libby read the draft policy. A discussion ensued. No votes were taken. Note: The discussion was interrupted by Ms. Nancy Plante in a manner inconsistent with any normal rules of decorum for a Trustee meeting. Ms. Plante asked about the book challenge matter.

11. **Appraisal of Library Art.** Director Smolen explained that our insurer is requiring new appraisals on the art collection. The Director has identified an appraiser and this cost will be placed in the 2024 budget. No votes were taken.
12. **Strategic Plan Update.** Director Smolen indicated with the Strategic Plan approved, this will now become a regular feature of the Trustee meetings as a way to keep the plan in everyone's mind. He mentioned two things that recently took place due to the new guidance from the plan. The first was the Freedom to Read statement and the second was the School Board Candidate forum.
13. **Authorization for Treasurer to Access Charter Trust Account.** The Trustees unanimously adopted, by a vote of 5-0, the following resolution:
"Resolved, Jason Cicero, Treasurer, is hereby authorized to initiate and sign necessary documents, request funds, and give appropriate directions to Bar Harbor Wealth Management, Agent for Conway Public Library."

14. Non Public Session.

Members Present: James Cousins, Julie Laacy, Jeanne Wright, Andrea Libby, Jason Cicero.

Motion made by Julie, Second by Andrea to enter non public session. All in favor 5-0.

Roll Call Vote:

Julie – Yes
Andrea – Yes
James – Yes
Jason – Yes
Jeanne – Yes

The specific statutory reason is as follows:

"RSA 91-A:3, II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted."

Non public session began at approximately 5:30.

Public session reconvened at approximately 5:50. Motion to seal the minutes by Julie, second by Jason because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would "adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board."

Roll call vote to seal the minutes:

Julie – Yes

Andrea – Yes

James – Yes

Jason – Yes

Jeanne – Yes

The motion PASSED.

15. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Smolen