

**Attleboro Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Diane Mangiaratti at 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES**

**Trustees:** Beth Gould, Cindy Lorincz, Judy Lusk, Diane Mangiaratti, Charlie Oliver, Tobey Reed, Tricia Svendsen

**Library Director:** Amy Rhilinger

**Staff:** Mary McCrosson

**Guests:** Brian French

**1. Introductions**

Mary McCrosson - Library Assistant

Brian French - Library patron

**2. Minutes of December Meeting**

The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

**3. Business Required by Law**

None

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Mahesh Patel submitted financial statements including Warrant #8 with an amount of \$5,844.24. Amy explained the \$3,000 payment to Cheryl Harris was for her presentation on the Staff Training Day with funds provided by the Attleboro Foundation.

There was a motion to transfer the amount of the warrant to the checking account. It was approved. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

**5. Director's Report**

Amy submitted a written report commenting on the following:

- Because of continuing issues with disruptive teen patrons, Amy is researching companies that provide security guard services. She is getting quotes for a part time position that would provide coverage on days and specific hours when the teens frequent the Library. It was mentioned that years ago there was a security guard on duty in the Library. Neither Amy nor Board members know why that position was eliminated. Amy will be speaking with City Council President, Jay DiLisio about options for funding for a security guard position.
- So far 50 senior citizen parking passes have been given out. Brian French commented on not being able to get two stickers for his two cars. Amy will check on this.
- Amy's participation in a game show program at An Unlikely Story netted the Library a \$500 gift card for use in the store.
- The APL Friends continue with fundraising events: April 3 is Library Giving Day, and a Papa Gino's/D'Angelo's fundraiser takes place on April 9.
- Upcoming Library events include author Luanne Rice who will speak at the Library on March 2 and a Neighbors in Dialogue virtual meeting on March 6.
- Amy explained that the micro computer being installed in the Tech Lab is a tiny box, the size of a deck of cards, that can be used for presentations using a USB driver, wireless keyboard and wireless mouse.

**6. Unfinished Business**

**A. Strategic Planning Update**

Goals are talked about at regular meetings, and on the Staff Training day, there was discussion about a user-friendly library and marketing.

**B. Electronic Sign Update**

There are no new funding options in sight for the \$12,000 needed to purchase and install the electronic sign. Amy will send Diane information on grants that could potentially help in acquiring funding.

**7. New Business**

**A. Nominating Committee**

Diane appointed Judy Lusk and Cindy Lorincz to the Nominating Committee.

**B. ALA Core Values**

Amy provided the Board with a copy of the updated Core Values of Librarianship issued by the American Library Association on January 21, 2024.

**C. Other**

There was discussion on the recent challenge to a book in a North Attleboro School. Amy mentioned that a patron donated six copies of ***Woke: A Young Poet's Call to Justice*** to the APL as there is a high demand for that title in the SAILS system.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**Next meeting: Mar. 13, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Tricia Svendsen