

Scio Memorial Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Present: Deb Root  
Carol Bush  
Donna Emrick  
Carolyn Miller  
Carole Wells  
Raeanne Smith, Director  
Belinda Thompson, by phone beginning at 11:23 a.m.

Absent (excused): Linda Clayson

Deb called the October board meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. followed by the recitation of the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the September meeting were approved unanimously upon motion by Carole, seconded by Donna. Correspondence from Root Water Well Specialists and Elke Peet was shared. Donations have also been received from Ramsey Fresh Foods.

The treasurer's report was accepted upon motion by Carol, seconded by Donna, with all in favor. The bill schedule was approved upon motion by Carolyn, seconded by Deb, with all in favor.

Upon motion by Carole, seconded by Carol, Belinda Thompson was appointed to a seat on the board of trustees with a term to end December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2028. All in favor. Belinda thereafter joined the meeting by phone.

The director's report was presented. The appointment of Julie Fletcher as Librarian effective October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, was ratified upon motion by Carole, seconded by Carol, with all in favor. The success of ghost painting and other programs including resume building was cheered.

Additional details of the Fall Back chicken and biscuits dinner November 5<sup>th</sup> were discussed.

Upon motion by Carole, seconded by Deb, it was agreed to have the fence on the southern boundary of library property removed due to its deterioration. All in favor.

Carole moved that the New York State "tax cap" be over-ridden by our library in 2024. The motion was seconded by Deb with all in favor. Upon motion by Deb, seconded by Carol, it was decided to seek a 15% increase in the amount collected through Scio school taxes in 2024. All in favor.

Fund-raising ideas and a patron appreciation event were discussed

Carole moved and Carol seconded a motion to adopt the 2024 budget as prepared by Rae and previously amended. All voted in favor.

The date of November 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. was tentatively set for a community hymn sing to be titled Come Ye Thankful People Come. Sylvia Meyers will be the pianist.

A motion for adjournment was made by Carol and seconded by Carole, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn J. Miller