LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2025
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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary; John Kiker, Chad Schaedler, Lori Caine, Ralph Lewis

EX OFFICIO: Melissa Fournier, Director

GUESTS: Jeanne Rutigliano, President, The Friends of the Lyme Public Library

WELCOME LORI CAINE, THE NEW LPL BOARD MEMBER.

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:03

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Ms. Motyka motioned for the minutes from October 29th to be accepted as written; seconded by Mr. Lewis. Minutes accepted unanimously.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Fournier presented her monthly report indicating book circulation is up nearly 50% for the year. Attendance is down slightly, possibly due to the HVAC work on the building. Ms. Fournier reports that the HVAC work is nearly complete; she urges an annual inspection going forward. The Director is working on grant funding for a new A.V. system. The Board discussed the necessity of new signage to advertise Library programs and events. The Board extended its thanks to all staff, but especially to LynnAnn Baldi and Natalie Hall, for their contributions.

5. REPORT FROM FRIENDS:

Ms. Rutigliano reported that The Friends membership has increased from 60 to 127. She attributed the increase to the excellent programming and events that have been hosted by the Library. The Friends purchased new 16 tables for the Library and the Annual Book Sale. The Friends have changed the length of the officers' term of office from two years to three years. Ms. Rutigiliano discussed the on-going search for a new V.P.

6. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION:

Chair Mooney reported that the annual summer fundraising event will once again be held at the Ivoryton Playhouse on August 28th 2025, with a performance of My Fair Lady.

7. REPORT FROM THE SWEET SPOT:

Ms. Motyka reported the Sweet Spot will take no breaks and continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month. She reported that the Board and The Friends will share hosting duties month-to-month. The Board discussed the possibility of occasionally having the Sweet Spot on Saturday or an evening. She urges everyone to contribute baked goods.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

Trivia Night will now be held on Thursday nights. The next Trivia Night will be March 6th.

The Board discussed the on-going "Library 21st Birthday" events.

Facilities Committee: The handicapped accessible doors have been installed at the main entrance to the library. The Board thanks Mike Prill for his work getting the doors ordered and installed.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kiker led a discussion of the progress on the Strategic Plan for 2024. The final report will be brought to the next Board meeting in February. Mr. Kiker suggested each committee formulate 2 or 3 goals with assessments for 2025. The Board agreed there should be a Communications Committee.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m. by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 26TH AT 5:00 PM