LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2025
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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary, Lori Caine, John Kiker, Ralph Lewis, Chad Schaedler

EX OFFICIO: Melissa Fournier, Director

GUESTS: NONE

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:04

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Mr. Schaedler motioned for the minutes from January 2025 to be accepted as written; seconded by Mr. Kiker. Minutes accepted unanimously.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Fournier presented her monthly report noting attendance and book circulation were down slightly, however, adult and children's programming have increased. The Director recognized the Friends of the Lyme Library for purchasing a screen and projector allowing the Library to host simultaneous programs in both the Periodicals Room and Community Rooms as needed. Plans are underway for Spring programming to include: 6 programs on aging in place (e.g., making your home safe, downsizing, how to have conversations about loved ones moving into a retirement community, choosing the right community); hiking in New England; pollinator insect pathway programming in conjunction with the Lyme Land Trust and Pollinator Pathways. There will be a book discussion with Dick Shriver on the collapse of the Soviet Union. In addition, there will be author readings, therapeutic yoga, and children's dental health.

4. REPORT FROM FRIENDS: NO REPORT

5. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION: NO REPORT

6. REPORT FROM THE SWEET SPOT:

Ms. Motyka reported the next Sweet Spot will take place on Tuesday, March 4th hosted by the Board of Directors who are all encouraged to come and assist with set up and take down of tables and chairs.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

Ms. Mooney reported that the Loneliness Program committee (Ms. Mooney, Mr. James, Director Fournier and Holly Rubino, Friends of the Library) met on January 31 to begin planning the initial outreach meeting. Invitations were sent to multiple organizations in the wider community. This larger group, representing social services, churches and interested individuals and organizations will meet in the Library to discuss common interests on March 17th.

Mr. Lewis and Chair Mooney discussed Trivia Night which will be held on Thursday, March 6th.

Ms. Motyka, Ms. Cain, Christine Carter, Friends of the Library, and Director Fournier discussed planning for the on-going Public Library 10th Birthday celebrations. The planning committee envisions multiple events during the year, including an Artist's Reception, a Kid's Birthday Celebration, a Farm-to-Table gathering, and a fundraising dinner in the fall.

Ms. Motyka MOTIONED that the Board should support the Birthday events and help provide the necessary assistance to ensure the events are well attended and successful. The motion was SECONDED by Mr. Lewis and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Sunday Movies continues to be well received. There will be additional film discussions that are in the planning stages.

Facilities Committee: NO REPORT

Communications Committee:

Mr. Kiker and Mr. Schaedler discussed a survey to be distributed that will assess the community's choices in how they gather information about the Library.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Kiker asked the Board members to submit 2 or 3 goals from the Strategic Plan that we feel can be accomplished this year.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS MARCH 26th AT 5:00 PM