LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2025
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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary, Lilian King, Susan Leon, Chad Schaedler

EX OFFICIO: Melissa Fournier, Director

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Vice Chair Motyka MOTIONED for the minutes from December 2025 to be accepted as written; seconded by Mr. Schaedler. Minutes accepted unanimously.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Fournier reported on the proposed Library budget for 2026-2027 which includes increases for a new website, licensing and data bases, Library of Things, and a targeted Opening Doors newsletter and postage.

Mr. Schaedler MOTIONED TO APPROVE the proposed budget as presented. SECONDED BY Ms. Leon. Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Fournier reported that Children's Librarian Natalie Hall will be on leave beginning February 3rd.

4. REPORT FROM FRIENDS: NO REPORT

5. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION: NO REPORT

6. REPORT FROM THE SWEET SPOT: Ms. Motyka discussed the January Sweet Spot which had 25-30 people including the new First Selectperson, Christy Zelek. The Friends will be hosting the next Sweet Spot on Tuesday February 3rd at 10:00 am.

7. The Board discussed the new winter programming including an "Academy Awards Red Carpet Party" on March 15th; "Dominick Dunne Film Festival" March 23-30. More details

to follow. The Library is hosting its Second Annual every-other-Sunday matinee of comedy films. All films are shown at 1:00 pm.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee: The Opening Doors community outreach will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 29th at 2:00pm.

Facilities Committee: NO REPORT

Communications Committee: Mr. Schaedler discussed scaling back the Strategic Plan, focusing on fewer projects. More to follow at the February Board meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS: No report

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS FEBRUARY 25TH AT 5:00 PM