LYME LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2026
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PRESENT: Laura Mooney, Chair, Joan Motyka, Vice Chair, Michael James, Secretary, Lilian King, Susan Leon

GUEST: Jacqueline Jaffe, President of the Lyme Public Library Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:00

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Ms. Leon MOTIONED for the minutes from March 2026 to be accepted as written; seconded by Ms. King. Minutes accepted unanimously.

3. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Fournier was unable to attend so Chair Mooney discussed her report. Children's programming was down significantly due to Ms. Natalie Hall's absence. Ms. Hall has subsequently resigned, and the Library Director will soon begin a search.

4. REPORT FROM FRIENDS: NO REPORT

5. REPORT FROM THE FOUNDATION: Jacqueline Jaffe, President of the Lyme Public Library Foundation discussed the plans for the town's 250 anniversary celebration on July 4th which will include a sing-along at the local church, followed by a picnic at the Grange, and a closing event at the Library where a sapling of the state Charter Oak will be planted.

The Foundation will once again hold its annual fund-raising event at the Ivoryton Playhouse on September 3rd. More details to follow.

Ms. Jaffe also announced the creation of the Judith Lightfoot Legacy Society in honor of the longtime Library Board Chair. More details to follow.

6. REPORT FROM THE SWEET SPOT: Ms. Motyka discussed the May 5th Sweet Spot and encouraged everyone to attend.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Outreach Committee:

The Opening Doors outreach will hold its next meeting on April 30th. The committee is planning on hosting a series of speakers focused on ways local organizations are combating loneliness. The speaker on April 30th is Laurette Klier who will discuss loneliness and dementia. The committee is discussing the possible creation of a "Memory Café" at the Library and specialized dementia programs.

Chair Mooney will contact Liz Frankel, who worked with the Old Lyme Witness Stone Project, to see we could have a Witness Stone informational sign installed in front of the Library by July 4th.

Facilities Committee: No Report

Communications Committee: Board members Lilian King and Susan Leon agreed to work with Chair Mooney and Mr. Schaedler.

8. OLD BUSINESS: No report

9. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:46.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 by acclamation.

REMINDERS:

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS May 27TH AT 5:00 PM