



**ACTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
60 Old Boston Post Road Old Saybrook, CT 06475 (860)395-3184  
**Acton Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 4:00 P.M.**  
**60 Old Boston Post Road**  
**Main 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson N. Walsh called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Members present:** N. Walsh (Chairperson), S. Mariani, (Corresponding Secretary), M. Delmonico, A. Derouaux-Welch, S. Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz

**Members absent** (\*notified, \*\*did not notify): N. Wise\*\*, M. Cameron\*\*

**Staff:** A. Brouwer (Library Director), J. Galli (Board Clerk)

**In attendance:** N. Prescott, Co-President of Friends

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** to approve the **Meeting Minutes** of February 14, 2023 as presented **MADE:** S. Hitchcock Missel **SECONDED:** M.A. Iadarola **VOTING IN FAVOR:** N. Walsh, S. Mariani, M. Delmonico, A. Derouaux-Welch, S. Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**4. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Fifteen weeks to go until the end of the fiscal year and we're within budget.

**MOTION** to accept the **Financial Report** as presented **MADE:** A. Derouaux-Welch **SECONDED:** A. Schwarz **VOTING IN FAVOR:** N. Walsh, S. Mariani, M. Delmonico, A. Derouaux-Welch, S. Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

**5. ACCEPTANCE OF NON-TOWN FUND REPORT**

Items shipped back to BESA was paid for by the Bernstein Fund. A. Brouwer is working on the BorrowIt State Report which reimburses the library when out of town patrons check out our materials. Through this fund the library was able to purchase lightweight tables for meeting rooms and book sales.

**MOTION** to accept the **Non-Town Fund Report** as presented **MADE:** A. Derouaux-Welch  
**SECONDED:** M.A. Iadarola **VOTING IN FAVOR:** N. Walsh, S. Mariani, M. Delmonico, A.  
Derouaux-Welch, S. Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:**  
None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

## 6. ACCEPTANCE OF STATISTICS REPORT

Interlibrary Loan is down but use of LION (which is less expensive) has increased. More patrons are using self-checkout. Hoopla, a library media streaming platform, is free to all patrons but the library pays a fee for each use. YA circulation is down.

**MOTION** to accept the **Statistics Report** as presented **MADE:** A. Derouaux-Welch **SECONDED:** S.  
Mariani **VOTING IN FAVOR:** N. Walsh, S. Mariani, M. Delmonico, A. Derouaux-Welch, S.  
Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None  
**APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCES – None.

## 8. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Six staff members will attend the CLA Conference in April. There will be a town wide staff training on CPR/AED. The Building Renovation Subcommittee met to review RFPs for an architect. Five were submitted, three were short listed.

During the month of February, 28 adult programs were offered with 259 attending. The most popular was Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti's portrayal of Zora Neale Hurston, author of *"Their Eyes Were Watching God."* Thirty-seven attended Debbie Vinick's Celtic Hard Music. Backgammon has become a hit with weekly sessions scheduled through June.

The Children's Department had 12 programs with 378 participants. Pokemon and Grub Club were well attended. Full of energy Sing & Stomp had close to 60 attendees. Young adult programs continue to be a success including Chess group. Dungeons & Dragons will offer once-a-month sessions for new and curious players and for painting miniatures and terrain.

### Coming Up:

**March** - Four-part Intro to Vegetable Gardening starts on March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Annual Poetry Competition - poetry will be accepted in the library April 1-22 with the presentation on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**April** - Pat O'Brien will be reading from her new book, *The Scatter & the Gap* on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M.

## 9. FRIEND'S REPORT

N. Prescott presented. Book sale is March 24/25. Hours will be Friday 10-4 and Saturday 10-3. The Traveler Restaurant in Union, Ct has offered to pick up unsold books for patrons to take home free of charge. The next quarterly meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M. Annual meeting is May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 P.M. Walt Woodward's presentation "Handed Down in Song: New England History & Culture" will follow the meeting. Friends has two vacant positions on their Board of Directors.

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

S. Mariani reported that a Float Meeting for Memorial Day is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 A.M.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

The Board contact list will be sent out by Nancy for updates via email.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** to adjourn the meeting of March 14, 2023 at 4:47 P.M. to the next scheduled meeting of **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Main 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room as presented **MADE:** M. Delmonico **SECONDED:** M.A. Iadarola **VOTING IN FAVOR:** N. Walsh, S. Mariani, M. Delmonico, A. Derouaux-Welch, S. Hitchcock Missel, M.A. Iadarola, A. Schwarz **OPPOSED:** None **ABSTAINING:** None **APPROVED:** 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Galli  
Board Clerk