

**Stanford Free Library Trustee's Meeting
April 12, 2022**

PRESENT: Mark Williams, Fred Schall, Jim Bail, Claudia De Bellis, Laura Gilhooly, Kari Lorensen, Barry Weinberger, Pamela Deitrich, John Shanley, Bobbie Menendez

ABSENT: Natalie Bliss

IN ATTENDANCE: Christa Cerul

MINUTES: Motion made to approve minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting. Vote taken. Passed

TREASURER & FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Financial Report for March 1st - March 31st reviewed by Christa. Motion made to approve. Vote taken. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. No new business.

LIBRARIAN REPORT:

A. Review Library Use Statistics for March. Christa & Jim reviewed & discussed with Board Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. No new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Building Maintenance.
 - 1. Jim to place an outlet for an electrical line above the side entrance to help address the melting ice issue in winter.
- B. Fund Raising & Publicity.
 - 1. Christa advised that a local art collector has donated a collection of valuable art books. We will be partnering with BangallWorks to host a fundraiser for the library with the proceeds to be used for future art programming. They will be sold at a great discount. The sale will be held on May 12th & 13th and on May 14th. Pam & Kari have been working hard to make this happen, Volunteers are requested to help set up & then for clean up after the sale as well as during the sale.
- C. Grants. No new business.
- D. Legislative. No new business.
- E. Nominating. No new business.
- F. Personnel. No new business.
- G. Programs.
 - 1. Adult Programs. Christa reviewed the current and forthcoming programs some still virtual.
 - 2. Children's Programs. Christa reviewed the programs set.
- H. Scholarship.
 - 1. Laura to make contact with school to ensure it is set at new amount for this year
- I. Technology. No new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Steve Bruman BangallWorks & Recreation Capital Campaign Committee has asked about us holding a fundraiser for the Rec Capital Campaign Committee at the library. The Committee will be holding numerous events around town. These will be public fundraising events starting in May and running through October 2022. Ideas TBD. Mark made a motion to make the library available for an event. Vote taken. Passed.
- B. Mark made a motion to transfer \$40,000 from our Money Market Account at the Bank of Millbrook to The Vanguard Total Stock Index. Vote taken. Passed.
- C. Vote to pursue a 414 vote and the amount to ask for. Mark reviewed and explained the entire process in detail. A motion was made to proceed with a petition to raise the amount of taxpayer funds the library would receive from the Town by \$28,400 yearly to a total of \$170,400. Vote taken. Unanimously approved.
- D. Tax Cap Override Resolution. Christa explained and read the specific resolution required for the library board to pass for the 2023 budget. Matter was discussed. Motion made. Vote taken. Unanimously approved.

Whereas, the adoption of the 2023 budget for the Stanford Free Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and

Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Stanford Free Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2023 by at least the sixty percent of the board of trustees as required by state law on April 12, 2022.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 10th 7:00pm.

ADJOURN: Motion made to adjourn at 8:33pm. Vote taken. Passed.