

# THE SHERMAN LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of the Mar 6, 2023 Regular Meeting

Held at the Sherman Library

### BOARD MEMBERS:

**Present:** Mariya Hurwitz (President), Barbara Ireland (Vice President), Jeff Matusow (Treasurer), John Ehrenreich, Joanna Johnson, Dee Ratterree, Christy Seewagen, PD Villarreal, Sharon Kleinberg

**Absent:** Mandy Croasmun (Secretary), Irit Granger, Ellen Archer

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Others Present:** Ashleigh Blake (Executive Director)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mariya Hurwitz called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

### Minutes

- Reviewers of this meeting minutes (Christy and Sharon)
- Approval of prior minutes – February 13, 2023 (Dee and Irit)

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES:** Mariya Hurwitz motioned to approve, through unanimous consent, the minutes of the February 13th regular meeting. There was no objection, and the motion was approved.

### Reports

- Director

Ashleigh noted on the stats - many people were coming from New Milford while they were closed. Now that they have reopened, there may be a downturn on some of the adult books. February is a shorter month and a slower month for library visits; there was also a snow day. Ashleigh gave an update on Owl zoom conference technology for the library. Jeff mentioned being at the Patterson Library and how they have a lending library for power tools. Ashleigh mentioned that this idea has come up over the years and there are challenges with how to clean, maintain, and repair such items. Discussion on partnerships with the school including teen Friday nights, in-school book discussion groups, and library connections with curriculum.

Discussion to post Library fundraisers on the town calendar and on their website that reflects the events from many different groups.

*Arts Group* may be posting cultural events but not fundraisers.

- Secretary – there was no secretary report
- Treasurer – Jeff presented the treasurer report. Discussion on tax filings and 9-90.
- Committees
  - o Investment (Jeff)  
No questions
  - o Nominating (Barb)  
Wait until Executive Session

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- o Programming (John)  
There are some things on unfinished business (below)  
Ashleigh: numbers are back up for programming
  
- o Fundraising (Dee)  
Tickets sold so far: close to 400 (counting trustees' tickets) Last year we sold 640.  
Running piece in the tribune next Thursday. Running an ad as well.  
This is the best fundraiser in terms of return for effort.

Soiree is Memorial Day Weekend. Laura and Amanda are co-chairing. Josefina is also helping. Ashleigh reported the planning has started.

Memorial Day weekend is also the book sale and bags and baubles.

We will need volunteers starting the Thursday beforehand. Board Members will be asked to bring food.

There will be some food supplemented.

August 7th Monday Golf Outing: Lauren will ask Ashleigh to look for volunteers. Board Members should plan on manning the event, or get people to sponsor holes.

## Unfinished Business

- Board Service Agreement –
- Mariya Hurwitz made a motion to move to take the Board Service Agreement off the table that was tabled at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Barb Ireland. All in favor.
- Mariya made a motion to accept the Board Service Agreement as written. Motion seconded by Dee Ratterree. Motion passed.
  
- Barn Policy –
- Mariya Hurwitz made a motion to move to take the Barn Use Agreement off the table that was tabled at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Dee. All in favor.
- Mariya Hurwitz made a motion to accept the Barn Policy as written and contingent upon including the technical and closure policy updates discussed that will be filed with the secretary by John Ehernreich, as part of the finalized policy. Motion seconded by John Ehrenreich. All in favor. Motion passed.

## New Business

- Budget Hearings Update – Ashleigh

Happening tonight; Ashleigh is not there tonight. If there are questions for Ashleigh they will put off the discussion until Wednesday. Wed 29th 7pm if people can attend that will be helpful.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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### **Trustee Vacancy, Staffing and Strategy:**

Mariya Hurwitz motioned to move the meeting into Executive Session at 7: 54 PM. John seconded the motion.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mariya Hurwitz noted the return from executive session at 8:27 PM. Dee Seconded.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Mariya Hurwitz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, Dee seconded the motion.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

April 17, 2023. 6:30PM Regular Board Meeting