

Pomfret Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
January 11, 2022  
7:00 PM at the Library

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM

In attendance: Gary Sturni, Laurie Bell, John Charest, Pat Chase, Norine Reingold. Ginger Lusa  
Call to Order

Welcoming of new members: Noreen Reingold and Pat Chase

Acceptance of Minutes of November 9, 2021 meeting

- SR Moved to accept; JC 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes Accepted

Treasurer's Report:

- Halfway through fiscal year and we are halfway through the budget in most areas. Extra gardening boosted the maintenance item
- Fund Balances include money in hand from addition fundraiser

Librarian's Report

- Laurie would like to see an increase in the "Books for Patrons" line item. It was cut several years ago, and never fully replenished.
- Library suggestions for town ARPA funds – all projects have to fit the guidelines. I have suggested the following to the ARPA committee. (Total: about \$100K)

**General:** Hands-free front door: \$12-15K (based on cost at 2 other libraries that got new doors in the last year); Generator: \$15K (based on recommended wattage for 3000 sq. ft. building, Home Depot prices)  
A/V: \$ unknown (Town has requested quote for tech at multiple town buildings, including the library); Patron Computers: \$2K (estimate for 8 Chromebooks. Older models would become circulating items)

- **In support of the building project, directly affected by pandemic-related cost increases:**

Resurfacing the deck: \$20K (rough estimate of \$30K, minus \$10 received from the Aichers)

Finish Second Floor: \$30K (rough estimate from Charlie Weedon)

- **Town ARPA Meeting: Monday, Jan 24, 7PM at PCS**
- State Library ARPA Funds – I'm ordering two dividers and five mobile laptop tables through WB Mason.

- Book Challenges on the rise – review our process (see reverse)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Audit – "Right to photograph and record in public..."  
It's legal to take photos and videos in public spaces. Auditors test that right by showing up to film in random locations. There have been an Increasing

number of audits in CT libraries. I let the staff know that the best response is to be accommodating and will review that with them.

- Putnam Rotary Teen Collection- Library staff has been prepping by making space on the shelves and by compiling a grand list of “best of” books. The focus group (Rotary and PCS students) will meet this Thursday. A Reading Interests Survey is being distributed to a larger group. I’m hoping we will identify a small group of Teens who will actively help us attract other teens...
- Construction Grant Contract – has been received and we’re waiting on next steps from Selectmen.

#### Old Business

##### Building Expansion/ Building Committee Update

- The construction grant contract has been received. Waiting for next steps from the Selectmen.
- The Building Committee has the first step of crafting an RFP to hire an architect well under way.

##### Pomfret Poet Laureate Update

- Kristine and Nancy are making plans for the year.  
A poetry workshop for Valentine’s Day is planned.

##### Vacant seat

- A Republican or other seat is still available for appointment.

Motion to Adjourn SR, GS 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned

#### **2022 Meeting Dates**

##### **Tuesdays**

March 8, 2022

May 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

September 13, 2022

November 8, 2022

Submitted by Sally Rogers, Secretary