

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the  
Cold Spring Harbor Library  
January 8,2024

In Attendance:

Vincent Parziale, President  
Richard Schuster, Vice President  
Edward Price, Secretary  
Robert Hughes, Friends Foundation Liaison  
Sandra Capek-O'Grady  
Chris Hadjandreas  
Nicole Prizzi  
Janice Rochstein  
Roger Podell, Director  
Diane Scinta, Assistant Director

Absent:

Dana Lynch, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:04

A motion to approve the December 4, 2023, regular meeting minutes was made by Vincent Parziale, seconded by Robert Hughes, and was approved by seven and one abstention.

**Financial Matters**

The Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2023, was presented as follows:

Checking:	\$ 10,714.38
Money Market:	\$118,480.41
TIAA CD 12 months 8/25/24	\$203,286.60
FBLI CD 12 months 4/5/24	\$250,000.00
FBLI CD 12 months 10/5/24	\$255,276.92
Revenue:	\$200,226.70
Expenditures:	\$179,492.15

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Edward Price, seconded by Janice Rochstein, and approved unanimously.

A motion to accept the Claims Auditor's report dated 1/5/24 was made by Janice Rochstein, seconded by Edward Price, and approved unanimously.

Dr. Podell presented the 2024-25 draft budget.

Following discussion, consensus of the board was to keep the tax rate for 2024-25 at the cap of 2% and discuss use of any additional funds provided by ending bond payments in fiscal 2025-26 in the following year.

## Library Operations

Items from prior meeting:

Dr. Podell reported that the library received two Pauline Gore Emmert paintings (Shore Road and Cold Spring Harbor) donated by her daughter. These will be hung with plaques.

Dr. Podell indicated that there have been preliminary discussions regarding programming and costs for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution. The Long Island Museum Association will hold a Zoom meeting on this topic on January 22.

Dr. Podell reported that Boccia has not yet responded to the Board's questions regarding removal of concrete and any need to cut through the retaining wall.

Dr. Podell indicated that April 9 is the vote for the 2024-25 budget and board positions. Dana Lynch, Robert Hughes, and Sandra Capek-O'Grady will run for three-year terms and Nicole Prizzi will run for two years to complete Richard Hamburger's term. Candidate petitions are due March 8 and candidates' night will be held at 7 PM on March 18.

A motion to go into executive session for discussion of personnel matters was made by Chris Hadjandreas, seconded by Janice Rochstein, and approved unanimously.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Edward Price, seconded by Vincent Parziale, and approved unanimously.

A motion to appoint Suzy Baker as full-time librarian, Karen Nobel as part-time librarian, and Coleen Higgins as part-time librarian trainee was made by Robert Hughes, seconded by Vincent Parziale, and approved unanimously.

Dr. Podell reported that attendance in November was significantly above the prior year.

Community Comments:

Dr. Podell received a call from Geri Fortner, who was visiting the community for an extended period thanking the library staff for their helpfulness.

Dr. Podell received a letter from Lori and Chris Homer thanking the library for hosting an art exhibit sponsored by LI Save the Children and Cold Spring Harbor High School art students.

Richard Schuster noted that library board training material recommended board members meet with staff and suggested our board invite senior staff to share their views and comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.