

Avon Public Library BOD Meeting
Community Room, Avon Public Library
Date: October 19, 2021

Item	Summary					Disposition
Call to order	Nicole Nunziata called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM					Quorum = 6
	Attendee	Role	Voting	Present	Absent	# 10 voting present
	Carin Salonia	BOD President	Y	N	Y	
	Nicole Nunziata	BOD Vice President	Y	Y		
	Fred Lin	BOD Treasurer	Y	Y		
	Stephanie Guralnick	BOD Secretary	Y	Y		
	Amee Mody	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Anne McNeely	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Beth Dance	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Colette Slover	BOD Member	Y	N	Y	
	Dave Howe	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Deborah Sacks	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Donna Gianini	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Joan Reiskin	Friends of the Library	Y	Y		
	Glenn Grube	Library Director	N	Y		
	LeonaMae Page	Clerk	N	Y		
	Review and Approvals					
Review and Adoption of Agenda	Dave Howe made a motion to adopt the agenda. Amee Mody seconded. (Approved.)					# 10 Yes
Review & Approval of September Meeting Minutes	Amee Mody made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes as written. Stephanie Guralnick seconded. (Approved.)					# 9 Yes # 1 Abstain
Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Fred	Highlights of the detailed Board budget for September include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income for the month of September was \$868. YTD actuals \$58,603 vs. YTD budgeted income of \$43,933. • Expenses for the month of September was \$4,731. YTD actuals \$17,542 vs YTD budgeted expenses of \$31,725. Joan Reiskin moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Amee Mody seconded. (Approved.)					# 10 Yes
	New Business					
Librarian's Report – Glenn	Glenn Grube reviewed his written report including these highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to new staff Cara Peterson (Children's Library Specialist), Sonya Williams (Library Assistant), Andrea Torillo, and Rachel Bulgini (Substitute Library Assistants); additionally current staff members Catherine Cavanaugh and Juliana Mills will be joining the circulation department as a Library Assistant and Substitute Library Assistant. 					No Vote

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest additions from Avon Library to the Connecticut Digital Archive include digitized issues of Avon News from the 1980s and recordings of oral histories from the City to Suburb project with Trinity College from the early 2000s • New network switches were acquired and configured; these new devices will be installed over the Columbus Day weekend to minimize disruption to patrons and staff • Avon Library made some news this month in both the Boston Globe and Today Magazine, with articles on the Toyen piano and the 230th anniversary of library service in Avon respectively • Congresswoman Jahana Hayes’ staff held a Casework on Your Corner constituent event at the library on September 28. 	
Friends of the Library Report – Joan	Joan Reiskin encouraged everyone to become members of the Friends and to support the upcoming book sale. The Friends have provided funding for various online programs including chess lessons and a virtual visit with an author and an illustrator of a graphic novel. Tanvi Arora, Avon teen and founder of “Crafts for Kindness,” held a fundraiser and made a donation to the Friends which will be used to fund Creativity Care Packages (take-home kits with all the supplies needed to create various crafts.)	No Vote
Discussion of Bylaws revisions	The Strategic Plan suggests a review of the bylaws every three years. Nicole Nunziata invited everyone’s feedback. There was some discussion including ideas on updating the marketing committee tasks and the consideration of adding a conflict of interest policy relating to the real or perceived conflict of interest should someone simultaneously serve two town boards. Any suggestions should be emailed to Glenn Grube. The revised bylaws are expected to be ready for vote in November or December.	No Vote
Alcohol Waiver Request – Glenn	Glenn Grube presented an alcohol waiver request for an art opening in December. The timing of the art event was adjusted to prevent overlap with a Girl Scouts event. Beth Dance moved to approve the alcohol waiver request at the new time. Anne McNeely seconded. (Approved.)	# 10 Yes
Old Business		
Marketing Committee update – Beth	Beth Dance presented the updated “Meet the Board” document. An early 2022 launch is being considered for the Library card design contest. A professional graphic designer will begin work on a new logo design.	No Vote
Board Member Remarks	Appreciation was expressed for former board members Peter Anderson and Anne Fitzgerald. Both are doing well. A card was passed around for all to send well wishes to Carin Salonia as she recovers from knee surgery. The Boston Globe article including mention of the Toyen piano was beautiful.	No Vote
Adjournment	Amee Mody moved to adjourn. Beth Dance seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.	# 10 Yes

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Guralnick, Secretary