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**SHELTER ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** *Serving the Shelter Island Community Since 1885*

**Shelter Island Public Library Society  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 11, 2022  
Minutes of the Meeting**

Jo-Ann Robotti called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:**

Henry Fayne, Archer Brown, Linda Kraus, Bonnie Berman Stockwell, Don Dunning, Jo-Ann Robotti, Jody Geist, Phyllis Gates, and Don Regan

**Also Attending:** Terry Lucas

**Excused:** Tom Hashagen, Marie Bishko, Susan Binder, Karyn Ginsberg Greenwald

**Secretary's Report:**

Jo-Ann Robotti thanked Bonnie for transcribing the minutes of the June 13, 2022 meeting. Henry Fayne made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting from June 13, 2022. Seconded by Don Regan. Unanimously passed.

**Public Expression:**

None

**Correspondence:**

None

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Don Regan delivered the Treasurer's Report. The previously distributed Warrant Report and Budget vs. Actual Statements were reviewed and a few items explained.

Quogue Wildlife Refuge, a non for profit organization, will be presenting a family program showcasing snakes or owls. This program was well received in 2021. The library makes available 7 hot spots that may be checked out for 2 weeks. The charge from Mobilebeacon covers 5 hot spots for 1 year.

Don Dunning confirmed that the air conditioning and hot water heater units are new and in place.

Don Regan discussed moving investment money to access a greater return. Jo-Ann suggested we need to review the library Investment Policy to confirm the process in making investments changes before proceeding.

Don Dunning moved to approve the Warrant Report and Budget vs Actual reports as presented. Seconded by Henry Fayne. Unanimously passed.

## **Committee Reports (material not covered in board packet):**

### **Friends of the Library:**

Terry Lucas reported that the Friends continue to be very generous in their support of the library. The Friends are planning a fundraiser murder mystery under the tent in September 2022.

### **Director's Report:**

Terry reported the staff is doing very well in pulling together in light of the absence of Jocelyn.

Terry informed the group of her investigation into the Niche Academy. This platform provides short videos to promote the databases that we offer to patrons. Other libraries that have used Niche Academy have reported a 45% increase in traffic to their offered databases. Better understanding equals greater use. The cost is \$8,000 per year. Discussion followed.

Jo-Ann Robotti congratulated Terry Lucas and Mara Zonderman on the amazing presentation on Censorship offered as a collaboration between our library and Westhampton Free Library.

Terry explained the PILOT program. (Payment in lieu of taxes) and the two checks that were issued to the library from the Town. Terry checked with the library's accountant and was advised that it was ok to deposit and to use as needed.

**Special Events:**

Jody Geist informed the group that her daughter-in-law, Christina Geist, will be reading her newest children's book under the tent Saturday July 16 at 10am. Discussion continues regarding finding and author for the Book and Author event this fall.

Linda Kraus reported plans are in place for the library tennis tournament Saturday August 13, 2022 at 8am.

**New Business:**

Bonnie Berman Stockwell made a motion to approve the contract with BHC that had been previously emailed to each board member and negotiated by the library lawyer. Seconded by Don Dunning. Unanimously passed.

**Old Business:**

None

Adjournment into executive session at 7:55pm.

Return to Meeting at 8:09pm

Archer Brown made a motion to approve the personnel matters discussed in the executive session. Seconded by Don Dunning. Unanimously passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Kraus  
Secretary

