

**Tupper Lake Public Library Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**April 11, 2023**

**Call to Order** by Harriet Connelly at 9:41 a.m.

**Attendance:** Harriet Connelly, Rick Wilburn, Suzanne Orlando, Donna Sloan, Bob Guiney, Library Director Courtney Carey

**Agenda:** The agenda was adopted with the addition of an executive session.

**Minutes of Meeting of March 14, 2023:** Motion by Suzanne, second by Donna to approve as amended.

**Public Comments:** None

**Financial Officer's Report:**

- Board reviewed financial numbers for the first nine months (75%) of the fiscal year. At this point, things look positive. Motion by Bob, second by Rick to approve the report. All in favor. (5-0)

**Bills and Payroll:**

- After review, motion by Donna, second by Bob, to approve bills and payroll. All in favor. (5-0)

**Director's Report:**

- March statistics include 1,393 patron visits, 89 phone calls fielded, 13 email requests answered, and 52 computer sessions provided.
- Am proposing either Cassella or GM Fletcher to handle trash collection services for the library.
- The Party on Park will be scaled back somewhat this year. The library may postpone the craft fair to another time.
- The Tupper Tale Tellers event had generated much interest with new interviewees. Perhaps panel discussions in the future might be possible.
- The recent kindergarten visit was a success. The classes will be visiting the library on June 14, 2023.
- Twenty two people attended the seed starting program.
- Twenty seven folks attended the art opening for the artwork of Vivian Allen and Haylee Callaghan. We are thinking of refining our process for teen art shows. I am considering working on a partnership with Tupper Arts. The program has been a success and we have teen artists scheduled for May, June, and July.
- On May 12, NY State Pop Artist Michael Albert will host a program at the library aimed at younger kids.
- On May 13, he will present a program at Tupper Arts for Teens and Adults. These programs are possible through a donation from the Stewarts Shops Fund.
- Michael Czarnecki will present a Haiku workshop at the library on April 19th.

**New Business:**

- The Board went into Executive Session at 10:34 a.m. to discuss personnel matters.
- The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**Old Business:**

- Construction project update - New sensors will be installed on units with an error code. Project might include a solution to the ice issue without additional cost to the library.

**Fine Free:**

- The Board thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of going fine free. Following this, motion by Rick, second by Donna, to establish an amnesty period for the last two weeks of June, 2023 with the idea to revisit the issue in October. All in favor. (5-0)

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.**

**Next Board Meeting: May 9 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Minutes submitted Bob Guiney**