

## Ellington Farman Library Board Meeting Minutes For October 30, 2023

Present: B. Speas, M.J. Griffith, S. Cala, D. Storey, C. Wragge, D. Young,  
J. Whittaker

Excused: A. Hitchcock, D. Csorba

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>	<b>Status</b>
Call to Order	Called to order by B. Speas at 7:06 pm.	
Guests	None.	
Secretary's Report	Minutes previously distributed by email. Correction under Fundraising - \$4 for Childrens dinner should be \$5. Motion by C. Wragge to approve report as corrected; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : D. Storey.	Approved.
Treasurer's Report	Previously distributed by email. Reviewed in detail. Folder of bills received and paid and most recent bank statements available for Trustee review. Motion by S. Cala to approve report as distributed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : B. Speas.	Approved.
Library Director's Report	Previously distributed by email. Good attendance at the NASCAR (59) and Witch Persecution (29) programs. M.J. Griffith and D. Storey volunteered to check the library at beginning and end of community use on Nov. 11. Motion by D. Young to approve report as distributed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : C. Wragge.	Approved.
Budget & Finance	Revised Profit and Loss Budget Overview for 2024 distributed previously by email. Ellington Town Board has agreed to \$33,000, up by \$250 from last year. Motion by C. Wragge to approve submitted Budget as updated; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : D. Storey.	Approved.
Building	Snow Removal: M.J. Griffith volunteered to ask Bill Green to blow snow away from front of building. C. Wragge offered to check with Jerry Howe about shoveling the ramp and steps. Shelter Status: Following discussion of possible area emergencies, there was consensus that the library could not realistically serve as a community shelter. Short term events might be considered on a case-by-case basis.	
By-laws	No action required this month.	

Fundraising	Election Night Dinner - Finalize Plans: Pre-orders for Adults = 62 plus 2 for Children. Some extras will be available. Proposed fundraising schedule for 2024 distributed and reviewed. Bingo excluded following discussion. Motion by B. Speas to approve schedule as amended; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : C. Wragge.	Approved.
Library Grants	All required Grant Reports have been completed.	
Nominating	Article, Trustee submissions and photo have all been published in the November Ellington Reader. Thanks expressed to the newsletter editor.	
Ad Hoc Personnel	No known issues.	
Ad Hoc Sustainable Revenue	Committee has been meeting to continue planning. C. Wragge and M.J. Griffith met with Jan Dekoff for information about the 414 Vote. Documents distributed to all Trustees. They also met with Karen Bifaro and Barb Beightol from the Town Board to discuss our needs and plans to save the Library. Motion by M.J. Griffith that the Ellington Farman Library Board will pursue sustainable funding through a 414 Vote. 2 <sup>nd</sup> : C. Wragge.	Approved.
Ad Hoc Centennial Celebration	The Committee met on October 12. Continuing to gather ideas for a great celebration of this historic Library event.	
Old Business	All Trustees reminded to complete training requirements for 2023.	
New Business	C. Wragge reminded the Board that she will be out of town from early November until April and is excused from the Board Meetings that she will miss.	
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by C. Wragge; 2 <sup>nd</sup> : B. Speas. Adjourned at 8:20 pm.	Approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Delores E. Young, Secretary