

**Present:** Dave Stafford, Jodi Decarlo, Becky Stewart, Helen Zamboni, Cheryl MacPherson, Jan Cole, Josh Tonra, Saragrace Friday, Kevin Patrick

**Absent:** Ryan Spall, Joe Cope

**Guests:** None

**Called to order at 6:30**

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Minutes of 28 February 2025**

- Motion for Approval by Dave, seconded by Jodi and unanimously passed

### **Friends' Group Report**

- Grace provided information that the Friends' Group wants to support a children's program linked to the Bettina Johnson memorial next fall

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Dave reviewed the financial report for March 2025 including the transactions, balance sheet & presented 12 vouchers. Josh moved to approve, Jan seconded and unanimously passed

### **Director's Report**

- Grace presented the monthly director's report. Items of note:
  - Roof construction has started, side entrance closed for duration of project
    - Press release drafted by Becky and presented for review
      - Village still in talks on budget and have not committed to any funds so will not be mentioned in the release as a provider of funds for the project
  - Job description updates are on their way
    - Staff meeting for scheduled for May
  - Updates on fundraising, donations, and grants
    - FFRPL Grant has funded with a nice increase since last year
  - Updates on programs, trainings and workshops
  - Updates on circulations, wifi sessions, and door counts

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Facilities (Helen)**

- Roof work is under way and we want to start looking at the backyard project. New quotes will be needed.

#### **Finance (Dave)**

- Nothing to report

#### **Fundraising (Becky)**

- Meeting scheduling underway

#### **Personnel (Cheryl)**

- Meeting scheduled for later this week

#### **Policy (Josh)**

- Nothing to report

#### **Old Business**

- FDIC Insurance is per customer not per account; currently we are well above the FDIC insurance maximum; however, we expect that the roof and the backyard projects that represent the bulk of the excess will be spent within 12 to 18 months, and Tompkins is well-capitalized so not at risk of failure. Dave moved that under these circumstances we should not establish accounts at other institutions to close the gap on FDIC insurance. Jodi seconded the motion; motion passed. Dave also reported that the CD that holds funds for the backyard project matured and the Finance Committee approved renewal at 4% at Tompkins for 12 months.

#### **New Business**

- Helen reported that on March 18 she met with Dave Lefebber, the Town Supervisor, and Rob Hayes, the Village Mayor, at their request. They asked that the library consider seeking voter approval to increase our levy on the school tax bill to include the amounts we have been receiving from the Town (\$57,000) and Village (\$52,000). Helen reported that she made it clear to Dave and Rob that she and Grace were in favor of this, but the board needs to approve this. She also stressed that if we pursue it, we will need support in educating the public and in the year we seek approval both Town and Village will need to budget for the current allocations they provide the library in case the proposition fails.
  - Helen moved that the library take the necessary steps to study this and come up with a plan, including the year in which we would seek voter approval, and to that end that a new ad hoc committee be formed to work on this. Saragrace seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed

#### **Adjournment**

- Cheryl motioned to adjourn at 7:32, seconded by Jodi and unanimously passed

#### **Next Meeting**

- 28 April 2025 @ 6:30 EST