

Avon Public Library BOD Meeting
Board Room, Avon Public Library
Date: June 18, 2024

Item	Summary					Disposition
Call to order	Nicole Nunziata called the meeting to order at 7 pm.					Quorum = 7
	Attendee	Role	Voting	Present	Absent	# 8 voting present
	Nicole Nunziata	BOD President	Y	Y		
	Amee Mody	BOD Vice President	Y	N	Y	
	Rob Berman	BOD Treasurer	Y	Y		
	Colette Slover	BOD Secretary	Y	Y		
	Anne McNeely	BOD Member	Y	N	Y	
	Beth Dance	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Deborah Sacks	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Donna Gianini	BOD Member	Y	N	Y	
	Himanshu Singh	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Joan Reiskin	Friends of the Library	Y	Y		
	Natalie Bowers	BOD Member	Y	Y		
	Paula Schwartz	BOD Member	Y	N	Y	
	Cara Robinson	Staff Guest and Children's Library Specialist	N	Y		
	Glenn Grube	Library Director	N	Y		
	LeonaMae Page	Clerk	N	Y		
	Review and Approvals					
Review and Adoption of Agenda	Deborah Sacks made a motion to adopt the agenda with one additional item. Joan Reiskin seconded. Beth Dance abstained. (Approved.)					# 7 Yes # 1 Abstain
Review and Approval of BOD Meeting Minutes	Rob Berman made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Himanshu Singh seconded. Beth Dance, Himanshu Singh, and Natalie Bowers abstained. (Approved.)					# 5 Yes # 3 Abstain
Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – Rob	Rob Berman presented his written financial operations update. Himanshu Singh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Natalie Bowers seconded. Beth Dance abstained. (Approved.)					# 7 Yes # 1 Abstain
	New Business					
Librarian's Report – Glenn	Glenn Grube shared highlights from his written report covering events that happened in May and gave an update on staffing changes. He also shared an article from the June issue of Valley Life which featured Avon Library's Silent Book Club. The club just celebrated its first-year anniversary.					No Vote
	Glenn Grube requested board approval for an expense greater than \$10,000, for history room shelving to be paid for with Save America's Treasures grant funds. Joan Reiskin made a motion to approve the expenditure. Colette Slover seconded. (Approved.)					# 8 Yes
Friends of the	The Friends welcomed 92 new members this year, bringing their total					No Vote

Library Report – Joan	membership up to 455. A wide variety of children’s programs are planned for the summer. The Friends of Connecticut Libraries held their annual meeting here at the Avon Library. Lynn Katz, local author and former Friends president, presented her book, Chester and the Magic 8 Ball.	
Staff Guest –Cara Robinson, Children’s Library Specialist	Glenn Grube introduced Cara Robinson, Children’s Library Specialist. Cara enjoys developing the beginning readers collection and creating programs for a wide range of ages. She enjoys bringing the books to life by including creative elements in her programs. She thanked the Friends for their support.	No Vote
Election of Officers – Rob Berman	The Operations and Administration Committee recommends Nicole Nunziata for President and Colette Slover for Secretary. There were no other interested candidates. Rob Berman made a motion to accept both nominations. Himanshu Singh seconded. Nicole Nunziata and Colette Slover abstained. (Approved.)	# 6 Yes # 2 Abstain
Proposed 2024-25 Library Board Budget – Rob	Rob Berman presented the proposed 2024-2025 budget and invited questions. Glenn Grube thanked the board for their ongoing financial support so the Library can continue doing excellent things for our users. Colette Slover made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Beth Dance seconded. (Approved.)	# 8 Yes
Old Business		
Operations & Administration Committee update	The Operations and Administration Committee will hold elections for two officers each year, President and Secretary in even years and Vice President and Treasurer in odd years.	No Vote
Policy Revision Committee update – Colette	The committee reviewed the operating agreement between the Friends of the Avon Library and the Avon Free Public Library. Joan Reiskin moved to approve the updated agreement. Rob Berman seconded. (Approved.)	# 8 Yes
Marketing Committee update – Deborah	The Friends have generously offered to pay for 50% of the bookmark project. Pilar Richardson Schmidt who sits on the Friends Executive Board as Publicity Chair is attending the Library Board’s Marketing Committee meetings. Pilar and Deborah Sacks will work together on the bookmark project. Glenn Grube gave an update on the steady progress Aspire is making towards the completion of the Library’s new website.	No Vote
Staff Engagement update – Himanshu	Himanshu Singh shared an update on the staff survey. The current draft has 24 questions. The final draft will be limited to 10 questions. Nicole Nunziata invited Himanshu to bring the draft to the next Operations and Administration committee meeting for review.	No Vote
Board Member Remarks	There were no board member remarks.	No Vote
Adjournment	Beth Dance moved to adjourn. Rob Berman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm. (Approved.)	# 8 Yes

Respectfully submitted, Colette Slover, Secretary