

LAKWOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
February 12, 2025, 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Present

- Nancy Padak (President)
- Chris Swanson (Secretary)
- Shannon Taylor (Director)
- Nick Spry
- Jade Barber
- Mitch Klein
- Maria Malmström
- Lynn Kinnear
- Lisa Yaggie

Absent

- Lissa VanDewark

A quorum was determined to be present and Nancy Padak called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Additions/Corrections to Agenda

The quote from a prospective accounting firm will be discussed by the financial committee.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Lynn Kinnear made a motion to approve the December 12, 2024 minutes. The motion was seconded by Nick and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jason Stronz will be invited to the April meeting to report on the library's investments.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

2024 library usage statistics increased over 2023, which had set previous records.

Grants will be sought to fund 2025 capital projects.

Shannon will work on updating the library's branding and website as part of her graduate program's internship.

December and January attendance were impacted by weather closures and rampant illness in the area. Programming during this time period may be adjusted to be lighter in future years.

Adult programming will be expanded in 2025. Paint night is very popular and funding will be sought to continue it.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Annual Appeal

Money continues to trickle in from the November appeal. The next mailing will be in April.

### Spring Book Sale

The sale will be held the 2nd week of May. An opening night event will be planned on 5/7 from 7-9 p.m. to unveil the new branding, with the sale continuing through Saturday 5/10.

### Finance Committee

The first quote for a new accounting firm was nearly double the current firm. Other options will be investigated for next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 259 Referendum

Lynn made a motion to pursue a 259 increase from \$175,000 to \$190,000. The motion was seconded by Mitch and passed unanimously.

*Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:*

*RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Southwestern Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$271,000, of which \$190,000 shall be paid to the Lakewood Memorial Library for the support and maintenance of that library and \$81,000 of which shall be paid to the Hazeltine Public Library for the support and maintenance of that library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Southwestern Central School District.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Lynn made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Nick. The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.