

Sparta Library Board of Trustees  
April 11, 2018

The April meeting of the Sparta Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 by Mark Beardmore, President. Those in attendance included Andrew Lowery, Mark Beardmore, Doreen Skok (via conference call), Ailish Hambel, Mary Coe, Sally Bertellotti and David Costa, Director. On a motion by Ailish and a second by Sally, the minutes were approved as circulated; the financial report was then discussed. The Director's report highlighted the events that were held during the month of March, and the new children's librarian, Meaghan Darling, once again submitted a very thorough report on Youth Services that highlighted the continued increase in circulation for all children's and teen items. Dave and Meaghan attended the Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia. It was a great opportunity for them to network with their vendors, attend informative workshops, and collaborate with other public library directors and consortia leaders. Both found the experience memorable and highly productive. Meaghan also attended a one-day workshop on Cultural Literacy and Diversity Training for Libraries at Penguin Random House.

During the brutal storms in March, and with the subsequent power outages, the Library became a "Go-To Station" for the community. We stayed open late for a week so people could come in and charge their phones, grab a coffee, read a book, or just get warm with some folks who shared the same circumstances. One night Mayor Hertzberg brought everyone coffee and donuts! Thanks to the DPW for keeping the walkways clear and salted and the parking lot plowed.

**Unfinished Business:**

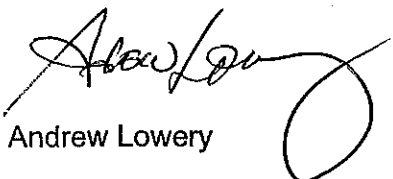
- A. Materials and guidance for the Board's Strategic Planning are being gathered, and sub-committees are being formed to begin the ten-year plan.
- B. Go-To Center - Chief Neil Spidaletto and Alex Kloin of CERT will be meeting with Dave to discuss and assess the effectiveness of the March practices.

**New Business:**

- A. The Board would like to welcome Mary Coe as our new trustee. We are very excited to have her insights and experience as she fills our recently vacated spot.
- B. The Board is working on a proposal for a digital announcement sign for the library. This will be brought up at a future Town Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Andrew Lowery