

Sparta Library Board of Trustees
September 8, 2021

- A. **Call to Order:** The September meeting of the library board was called to order at 4:30 by Mark Beardmore, President.
- B. **Roll Call:** Those in attendance included Mark Beardmore, Dave Smith, Sally Bertelotti, Amy DelCoro and Katie Ruppert.
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** The August meeting minutes were amended to correct the misspelling of a name, and were approved on a motion by Mark and a second by Amy.
- D. **Financial Report:** Dave reported that the new carpet was paid for with extra money from last year. No money needed to be taken from the capital fund to cover the expense.
- E. **Director's Report:** Dave spoke about recent updates to the building. The new carpet has been installed and, after a brief closure of the library, the building looks brand new. The HVAC system and light bulbs in the building have been updated and replaced. All parts of the HVAC system have now been updated in the last 5 years. Dave also spoke about the high quality of the summer reading program this year, even though numbers were lower than they have been. Dave commended Morgan, the youth services librarian, for the great energy that she brings to the role and her success as supervisor of the department thus far.
- F. **Public Portion:** Due to no attendees, there was no public portion.
- G. **Unfinished Business:** Dave referred back to the new building projects that have been completed, as highlighted in the Director's Report.
- H. **New Business:**
 - 1. Dave has been asked to join Mentor NJ, a statewide support system for librarians. He will be co-hosting biweekly administrative sessions for other library administrators in the state.
 - 2. Jen Nelson, the new state librarian, came to visit. The visit was productive and provided opportunities for discussion about the future of the state library.
 - 3. Board elections will take place at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Ruppert