The meeting of the Sparta Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Amy DelCoro. Those in attendance included Sally Bertellotti, Mark Beardmore, Mary Coe and David Costa, Library Director. Doreen Skok attended via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Sally Bertellotti, seconded by Mark Beardmore and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 10, 2024 were approved as presented.

Financial Report:

Dave Costa gave his financial report and stated that everything was in good stead and the bills from last month had been paid.

Director's Report:

Dave Costa stated that the library was busy. He stated also that he was conducting cross training of employees. Dave indicated that one of the downstairs meeting rooms had been repainted as well as a staff area.

Dave indicated also that 3rd grade classes from the Mohawk Ave. School had visited the library and it had gone very well.

Public Portion:

No member of the public was present and this portion of the meeting was closed.

Unfinished Business:

Discussions centered on whether or not the Library should join the Main Library Alliance. Dave Costa gave a brief presentation on the benefits that being a part of the alliance would provide, mainly an integrated library system thus creating a system wide catalog system among member libraries for the purpose of resource sharing and interlibrary cooperation that would increase availability of materials to patrons. Dave stated that Sparta patrons would be given priority to all materials in the Sparta Library before being shared with other libraries.

On motion by Mark Beardmore, seconded by Mary Coe and unanimously carried, authorization was given to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Main Library Alliance for an integrated library system.

New Business:

Dave Costa stated that he would be attending the PLA in Ohio the first week of April.

Dave stated that he was finishing up an application for State aid and would send it out soon.

Dave stated that he was still accepting applications for a part-time position.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, on motion by Mark Beardmore, seconded by Sally Bertellotti and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Coe, Secretary