



2022-23 Budget Committee Meeting
May 24, 2022
Minutes

Attending:

Budget Committee: Guy Chittenden, Karen Esvelt, Stephen Hillis, Courtney Snead, Joan Starkel, Susan Stovall, Tiffany Turo

Staff: Jane Ellen Innes, Laura Jones

Guest: Mick Knobel

I. Convene Meeting

Board chairperson Karen Esvelt called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm.

II. Election of the Budget Committee Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson (opt)

Susan Stovall moved, and Joan Starkel seconded to appoint Courtney Snead as Budget Committee chair. Motion passed unanimously. No vice-chairperson was appointed.

III. 2022-23 Budget Message

Budget Officer Jane Ellen Innes presented the budget message for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The presentation included a review of the Board's results policy and budget priorities established by the Board: (1) increasing outreach, including services to seniors, (2) programming for teens, and (3) improving marketing and public relations. The Board acknowledged that retaining excellent staff is a cornerstone of robust services.

IV. 2022-23 Proposed Budget

Innes presented the committee with a review of 2021-22 library accomplishments, then presented the proposed operating budget for 2022-23.

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Budget Committee Deliberations

Mick Knobel initiated a lively discussion about the proposed budget. He clarified several budget items and recommended increasing the contingency fund to \$100,000, adjusting the revenue to include \$12,000 from the genealogy fund, and increasing the total revenue to \$2,652,156. The Budget Committee acknowledged the value of the staff by significantly increasing salaries for 2022-23.

VII. Approving the proposed FY 2022-23 budget

Tiffany Turo moved, and Joan Starkel seconded to approve the 2022-23 fiscal year budget at \$4,128,926.00 and the permanent rate levy of .4349 per 1000. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Ellen Innes".

Jane Ellen Innes
Budget Officer