

Cate: Okay. So call the meeting to order at 6:32 And we have missing is, Sue Wemple is not here. She may pop in if she can. Public comment, Eric, anything to say? Ardeth won't be here; I attended the Friends meeting last night I'll report on Friends for her so she skipped the meeting tonight. There's no public comment. Right to the minutes approval of the minutes for 4/20. Again, thank you Arlene for taking the minutes. Arlene: You're welcome. Jim: I move to approve the minutes. Santina: there was someone, who was missing though besides myself was it Jane? Jane: Oh, I can't second. Second. Thank you. Oh, who seconds? Fred.. Okay. All in favor. Aye. Aye. Any opposed? All right. Thank you. On to the Treasurer's Report. Am I in the right place? Okay. I am actually not feeling well. I'm a little fuzzy so please forgive me looking at the wrong thing, okay. Any questions or comments on the financials?

Fred: I've only one question on my page. One of three. Down there on line 66510 Electric. Looks like we're power consumption is running pretty high. Normally 80% of the way through the year. Jane: The price has gone up. Fred: We budgeted to 9000 we are Jane: Yeah, but the prices have gone up. It may not be the usage but it reflects the increase in price. The increase in the price of the bill not the usage necessarily. Right.

Arlene: Now I wonder you know, looking at what we've all seen that we've viewed the electric bill. I just wondered if it wouldn't be a good idea for the library to have National Grid come in and do I don't know what they call it but to see if they have any suggestions for energy saving for us, because it seems as if you know even before the increase in prices our energy use is huge. And of course the Ampion is saying that our energy use is way high. Not talking about the costs I'm saying the energy use. Oh, I just wondered if it wouldn't be a good idea for the library to have somebody take a look at you know what, what's using energy in the library and if there are possibly ways that we can cut back.

Jim: Can't hurt and I thought well like everything else we'll dump this on Deb and ask her to contact NyMo or whatever it is, National Grid and see if they'll perform one of their free audits to come in and help us save money. That agreeable to everybody?

Arlene: That's the responsible thing to do for us really because again, you know, maybe we were very naive about use before the price increases. Maybe we're very naive about what it was going to cost to our library. But if just in case there are ways that we can save, then I think we ought to. Maybe not

Cate: Any other questions for Jim?

Arlene: There was one other comment that has to go along with all that and I think this is the first year in the library's history that we're running way, we're going to be really considerably over I know starting out this year we will be a bit over but I look at we're at the total budget we're at 84%. Without the snow plowing added in. You know we should be the total would be what about 82 or 83% now if we were on budget, would that be ... Fred: 83.3 Arlene: but this is without the snow plowing which is apt to be well \$4000, \$5000 \$6,000 Whatever it may be. Oh, I

just again, Fred: our [indistinct] looks good. We're on 108%. Yes.

Arlene: But again, going forward. Of course it either means it means one of two things that we've got to be, we've got to do, have a larger budget or we have to cut back somehow. Because again, I would hate to see, I know we have a question because we have capital funds to be a shame to start yearly dipping into capital funds to balance our budget at the end of the year. And then I was just wondering, I don't know. I don't think you usually do it yet. Maybe you do it in June, is looking ahead to what we will need between July and October because that I was looking at that other way other pages of records that balances I guess I was sort of guessing that we were still a little bit under projecting of what we have for a balance in the on that... finding it now... operating account. Anyway, just just another question and a concern. Because again, this is, this is the first we've ever come up with, had this situation, the first step that

Jane: we haven't had to deal with the inflation that we're dealing with now. Nobody anticipated that.

Arlene: I'm not making any blame, Jane, on anybody I'm just saying, see us going forward that we've got to be very careful and either present a larger budget or find ways and I don't know what it would be I don't see, I don't think we overspend. So if that's the case, then I think we have to project higher budgets going forward. Because again, I would hate for us to deplete the capital funds by balancing the budget.

Fred: Is it possible to change next year's budget between now and the election?

Deb: No it's been published. It's already been published

Jim: Yeah, we should. We should definitely take a hit next year. This coming upcoming budget will. I don't know what that's gonna look like.

Fred: But wherever Yes. We should look at the hour kilowatt consumption electrical bill and see how that has changed over time. That the very fact that we're in trouble of that Ampion deal with a 25 kilowatt demand number would indicate something has changed. We're consuming more demanding more. And therefore we changed our category wherever that letter

Deb: Well, we weren't open all last year either.

Fred: Well, maybe I'm wondering we're gonna but maybe the thermostat was set back or uncovered or uncomfortably low figure.

Deb: Probably. I have had it very low. I've actually had complaints about how cool and I won't... go ahead, Fred.

Fred: I just want ... were complaints from staff or complaints from patrons, both? Deb: both.

Arlene: So I would just again, reiterate. I know from day one, we're always conservative and

we're you know, trying not to have the tax levy too high and all that but I would like us to remember a cardinal rule and that is that you have to ask for the funds that you need. We you can't you know if you're saying oh my gosh, we shouldn't you know, we can't have that much but if your budget is showing your expenditures to the year before so you need to increase whatever percentage it might be. We have to ask for that. You have to ask for the funds that you need.

Cate: Other comments questions? So we've got two things. One is kilowatt hour usage and to contact National Grid to perform free audit to see if there's something we're missing or something we can do. That cover it? Okay, great. All right. Thank you, Jim.

All right on to the approval of bill payments receipts line in petty cash. So we'll start with operating. general operating checking 4/16 through 4/29 Find it Fred?. All right, it's the first item there's 4/18 there's a deposit for \$142.

Second page general operating checking 4/30- 5/13 2022. Next page is operating grants checking 4/16 through 4/ 29, two items. Next is operating grants checking 4/30 – 5/13.

One item. Then we have petty cash. Two items. April 2022. Exchanges receipt log 4/14 – 5/11. I did that out of order. The next page is the Visa bill two items 5/4 and 5/6 2022.

Arlene: It's great to see the Utica insurance dividend. Wonderful.

Yay. Great. All right.

Cate: We're looking for a motion to approve the expenditures operating general operating checking 4/16 through 4/29. General operating checking 4/30 through 5/13. operating grants checking 4/16 through 4/29. operating grants checking 4/30 through 5/13. Petty cash April 2022. Receipts log 4/14 through 5/11 2022 and the Visa bill 5/4 and 5/6 2022. We have a motion?

Arlene: So move. Jane: second. Cate: Thank you. All in favor. Aye. Any opposed? or abstaining? Okay, motion carries. On to directors report. Thank you, Deb. Thorough, interesting. They always are.

Arlene: So I want to know just is that Dabney notification and pending approval. Do you think that's it or is it on?

Deb: I'm not going to believe it till I see a check. We'll see but it was a different person that sent the latest notification. So that either means they gave it to somebody else which has happened twice before or it's actually at a different stage. I think it is.

Arlene: I hope it is, five years later.

Jane: Just remind me because it has been so long. Is that money earmarked for anything specific right now?

Deb: So basically what happened is as we were going along, in my mind, this should be reimbursement for funds that we've already expended on the electrical project, which is what we asked to be covered. But for some reason, the guy who's been, I've been dealing with for the last few years kept saying no it's not reimbursement. It's you have to prove that you spent

everything on the entire project way that it's all done. So that's what we've been waiting for. I finally gave him all the information then he did whatever he did and came back and asked for the same information. But anyway, one of the things that he had said to me was, well, if you've already finished the project, why do you need the money? So I said, well, there are things that we have not completed yet, because we didn't have money to complete them because we used it to pay for the electrical because we didn't get the money from you. So then he said, Well, what, what are examples of that? So I said, Well, we haven't done the blacktop the top surface of the parking lot. And we didn't do the landscaping. So it's at least I think earmarked for that but I don't understand if and when we get it. Am I going to have to then again prove what we spent it on? That's what I'm not clear. Okay. Okay.

Jane: Yeah, no, I was just wondering if when Grid comes in and does the audit they come up with a possible solution to help us save money on electric would we be able to use some of that money to pay for you know, something that they may come up with?

Deb: I don't know.

Jane: It was just a curiosity question. I'm sorry. I agree.

Cate: No, I think it's important to reference it's the same questions that I had

Fred: you know, and when we sign the final papers so thank you for bringing you that. Remember that 100 \$100,000 was promised by Senator Tedisco this scope of people standing around the site with shovels in the ground, right and so we needed, we needed that money that more than we do now frankly.

Jim: we had no idea what the shovels would be useful for. Didn't get to keep

Arlene: we needed that amount of money to prove to the school that we could go for the bond. I mean, that was a tipping point for us, that and the Stewart's donation.

Fred: The donation was real money. Yes, it was.

Cate: Thank you for the question, Jane. I guess we'll see. Any other questions for Deb? It's good to see everyone coming into the programs. That's for sure. Yeah,

Arlene: is this... scheduling forward. Is this the first time that there's going to be Storytime at the Pantry or did I miss that before?

Deb: Oh, this is going to be the first time so we'll see how it goes. Yeah, great. I'm really excited about it. I'm hoping, you know, not expecting a lot the first time. But I'm hoping that the patrons of the pantry will start to get on board. I mean, that time with their kids, right, right. We'll see that would be wonderful.

Arlene: Yeah, that's great. And I had one question which I should have asked you when I was at the library today but about the art exhibit. Is it possible to have the program room open during the day? The last couple of exhibits I never got to see the artwork that's hanging in the program room. I mean, we look at it in the you know, in the atrium there in the foyer hallway, but then the

other door is always locked and so you don't get to see the rest of the art exhibit.

Deb: I could do that. If anyone asks I usually open the door.

Arlene: Sure, but I can't see you being you know, asked on and off two or three times a day to do that, but I don't... And it's great that there are art shows there all the time once a month and that's wonderful, but it's nice to be able to see them.

Fred: Why do we lock them?

Deb: because we can't see in there. And I don't I try to keep anywhere that I can't physically see. That's all

Jim: we don't have a camera there?

Deb: we do but am I looking at the camera?

Arlene: well, I think it'd be great if it's so that people can see it. And I don't know maybe it's one of those things. If it becomes a problem, then you have to lock it back up. I don't know. Are there things out other than the paintings that are hanging? Are there things that somebody could do something bad to or steal?

Deb: the smart board? Other than that, no, not usually.

Cate: any other comments or questions? If anyone has taken the trustees handbook Book Club they've been really informative. Really good. All right, I guess there's nothing else. Well, we're about to correspondence: food pantry.

Deb: We got a very nice, thank you from the pantry. Says thank you so much for the many donations. You're a wonderful neighbor. Galway Food Pantry

Cate: Friends report. I would like to go back to. Thank you Arlene for the times that you attended the Friends Meeting since there's no longer a foundation committee as part of Friends, which was Jim and I. I'll be looking for a volunteer from the board to attend Friends Meeting every other month. And then Arlene or not Arlene, excuse me, Ardeth or someone from the Friends board would attend our meeting every other month. So this was our month to attend their meeting. So June, I guess it would be July, September, November this year. I'll send out a note to the board about that. They are working hard on getting ready for the book sale. And that I do have news about the rocking horse but I'll just wait until we get to that because it's an unfinished business though that's it.

Standing committees, buildings and grounds Sue is not here. I actually did send out an email with the progress so far. I guess one of the questions that she has in unfinished business about the tree and maybe the rest of the landscaping, which was in unfinished business. Yes. Okay. Sure. I would like to comment on that and this is just something to think about going forward. So far with some pruning, and weeding and one of the gardens mulched there have, there's probably nine to 10 volunteer hours. And it's not even half done. So this is the thing that gardens they're really easy to put in and then they need maintenance. So it's just something to think about going forward. How is the mulch budgeted? Is it budgeted under maintenance is it budgeted and is there a separate budget line for landscaping every year? Because something will need mulching every year. I don't know that we need to mulch every garden every year. They haven't been done in three years. But you know, even if we alternate they're going to there's

going to need to be something in the budget for maintenance. Of the gardens that are in. You can't ask the volunteers to pay for mulch. It was great that Dan dropped off at no charge the mulch so far and there's going to be probably at least twice that needed to do that big garden. Gardens. We discussed with the people who it was me and Pat and Sue and Deb. Not the rest of the committee. Wondering if because it's really large. We hire that out and ask if the people who do the lawn would have time I think at the moment to to mulch it. It's really big. I went in there last fall and pruned back the damage. So far there are a few shrubs that need to be replaced that we know of. But so I was planning on looking at the master plan of what went in there.

Arlene: How about the perennials in that garden? Did they get ripped up?

Cate: Well, it didn't get ripped up they got chopped off and perennials get cut back to the ground anyway. Yeah. Really hard to tell what's there. But again, a lot of native plants are coming back. They got mangled and they're coming back. It doesn't it does have all the gardens. It's the least attractive and to use sowing. So just something to think about going forward. And then a discussion about I guess we'll talk about the tree and finishing off that the whole the garden to the right and behind the bricks.

Jane: is Creative doing the lawn mowing? Deb: Yes. Jane: Could we ask him just for a price just that you know just see what it would cost for them to maintain the garden. When they come in to do the other

Deb: What do you mean by maintain? Jane: Well, I mean, would you come into the gardens and do the mulch? And

Fred: They'll be happy to provide a quotation for whatever work we specify. We should expect to pay amount of x from beyond what the lawn is now. Jane: Well, no I understand that. But just to get an idea of the cost. Fred: I believe that Creative is a landscaping firm with a large variety of activities. Right? Jane: I'm just saying is that something we you know, maybe be looking into just to get an idea of how much it would cost. Fred: I think we would need to define what we want. Done. Surprise!

Jane: maybe the committee could... Cate: regroup and figure out what yeah, Jane: we're gonna have somebody come in, what would we want them to do? And then we'll give that to Creative and just see what kind of a price they come up with.

Fred: Are there any good gardeners on that committee? Yeah, the buildings and grounds committee.

Cate: Yeah, it's I think it's a matter of time. Fred. We had a meeting to discuss the planting the final area, not the final final area, but one of the areas behind the bricks but then when it comes time to have we want to have a professional put that garden in because when it comes time to actually volunteer who ended up being there was me, Sue and Pat Flinton.

Fred: Could we consult with the Glenville Hill Garden Club. Which covers this area, who do decorative planting of Galway Post office

Cate: that was discussed and we didn't get far with it. Arlene, you were, were you there for that. I don't even

Arlene: no I wasn't. I mean I can tell you right now is like the maintenance of the garden the spring maintenance of all those gardens, they'd done it with the sixth graders well they're not doing it and the school is talking about we don't know going forward if we're going to have that help. So this year, the garden club members are doing all the gardens in the community. So I know I can't answer but I would suggest guess that at this point they wouldn't be taking on anything else. I mean, it would be just great if we could get like a teenage Garden Club and, you know, have them maybe some, some adults supervise and have them do some of the kind of work would be great to have. Get some group involved because down the line as Cate said, there's a lot this winter that needs to be done there and it's it was one thing to buy the mulch but if you have to pay by the hour to have everything done the weeding and the trimming and the this and that there's going to be a considerable expense every year. So if we could have a volunteer group who who would do that, that would be great.

Cate: I mean, 10 hours that's hard to do. Not even half. Yeah, and I have just mentioned the Master Gardener Program at cooperative extensions, but because I am the master gardener and I attend those staff meetings, I know that there are a lot of demands for those volunteers. And they're they're spread a little thin. So we can always ask, but I don't know what the solution is. Maybe there is. I think that's a great suggestion. Actually have a gardening club

Arlene: once the gardens get back in control, because really, I don't think there was any hard weeding done after the first year. I know Julie Hoxie and I we did the front two gardens we didn't do the circle. But that was two years ago. And I noticed last year there was Clover growing in which takes a lot of time to remove.

Cate: Was that just two years ago, was it during the pandemic or was that 2019 before ...

Arlene: Oh, no, it wasn't 19 it would have been during 20 some time. Cate: Okay, so pandemic. It's always like pre pandemic or

Arlene: summer when things are not so bad and and you know you're outside so it was fine. But you're already then the clover here is really tough. And then you may remember it wasn't last year that I asked him Jim was nice enough to go in and pull up the locust trees that were starting to grow. I think they do help with that Cate but

Cate: no Tim did the locusts. I think the pruning. Just briefly, we don't take a lot of time with this. Arlene, in your experience. I mean, do you feel like I don't know if we need to mulch every garden? Top mulch every garden every year. Or if we do, like, alternate gardens. Sometimes if you have enough mulch, you don't have to mulch every year.

Arlene: Right. See, for me at home. I do not mulch. I don't do any that. I plant my plants close enough together and hopefully they don't but that's not going to be here. I know for garden club

when Lynn Kindinger is in charge of the post office planting and she mulches there every year, but she's a great firm believer in mulch. I had thought Joe Danable said to us that we probably didn't need to do every garden every year but we're way beyond plus the first mulch in front there. It was some kind of underpinning [?] so I don't know if it's still there to the left of the doorway. Actually we had talked with Butler, Rowland and Mayes about fixing that because it had all that and undermined and sucked in. I remember walking in at one day actually wading and falling through about eight inches. But I don't know that Butler, Rowland and Mayes ever came, you know that anybody ever addressed that? That was the very first year. So yeah. Once the shrubs get big enough, obviously they're going to shade out a lot and you won't have a whole lot of extra stuff.

Cate: That would be great when they're pretty. On to unfinished business. Volunteer reception

Santina: so are we ready to actually by the third time to set a date and believe we're going to be able to get through that?

Deb: I was all set when I brought it up originally but I'm nervous now

Jane: I think the number of cases is just too high.

Santina: Well, I did look back at last year's folder notes. You know, Deb and I had met we I mean, we had the invitation read down, we were starting to print it. All kinds of, you know, plans, timelines, invitation lists and things were being prepared. Before it all went away. So I mean, we, you know, it's not that it takes months of planning, we do have to choose a date ultimately. And then, within a few weeks of that date is when we would then send out the invite, get some RSVPs and then just hold that. So I would think that you know, pulling it off as we get closer will be the decision whether we can or not, but if we don't set a date, we can't just have that in mind and on the calendar. So I feel like we have to just go with a date at this time, and then let it play out. As we have in the last two years.

Deb: I don't know I don't want to, I mean, we had all the postcards printed, so we wasted a lot of paper and ink on that. Right that's that's my only concern. The rest of it is, I don't think a waste of time, because we'd have to make sure everything is provided anyway. And just, you know, we'd have to make sure that's updated and then we would have it going forward. And I don't think there's going to be a ton of people to add since we hadn't planned for before. But obviously it's up to the board. If you want to set a date we can set a date. I just might just know.

Cate: It doesn't hurt us to set a date, just to have it. It doesn't try to set a tentative date and not move on anything. Until we revisit it next month. These things tend to

Santina: there's so many people now are sick. The numbers have to come down it's gonna at some point. Oh no. Well, well, I think about set yet but my point is, we can set the date we won't do anything printing or anything until we get closer which is what happened that we were that close that we started printing them out. You know about three weeks ahead, because I remember it was in August, early August that we were doing it. So again, just if we don't lock a date in how do we plan if we wait too close, then there could be lots of other things already on a

calendar by then. Or other people's calendars have filled out because the date.

that would be my only thing about saying choose a date and then we'll just have to see where we are as we get to that three week mark, of which time we have to take action and start mailing invites and such. Right.

Cate: Santina, what was the date last year?

S: August 28. The last Saturday, this year it would be 27 right? If that's the chosen time for I mean if we chose the last weekend we had a long discussion about why we wanted to be in August rather than later.

Cate: Right to catch the summer residents. Deb, do you see anything at the calendar around that time of year that weekend?

Deb: I won't be here that weekend.

Santina: Well, that's conflict

Deb: and I'm not sure about the weekend before it either. The calendars free for the library, but I don't know if I'll be here.

Jane: When's Labor Day this year? So the following week is Labor Day weekend.

Cate: Thoughts? don't everyone talk at once. Well, do we go here in August or do we go into early September? Thoughts on those?

Jane: Well, the reason we didn't go into September right, was because people leave the summer people are gone. So we would cut that whole group out.

Santina: Do we have any idea? I'm just curious. I know we've talked about that in general, but I'm not familiar with really who we're speaking about what kind of numbers are we talking about out of the list here? That that would account for is you have no guarantee that anybody's going to come until they RSVP. Anyway, I'm just curious, like I mean, I understand the consideration of that. But if we're on our third year of trying to plan this and wanting to be sure that the majority of us can be there, including our director, and we're going to having to move the date forward or back. I also think we have to consider how many other how many of these people are we talking about that are possibly affected if we did change the date to September.

Deb: I can't get it off the top of my head but I'll try and figure it out. Email you.

Santina: let me know. Yeah. And then we can maybe set a date this month for sure. Then with that information in mind.

Deb: Okay, I mean, right now, August 13 is the summer reading program ends but there's, she doesn't have things planned for that day. So I think that's open. And then September 10 is currently open as well.

Cate: I can't do either of those. I'm facilitating retreats both those weekends.

Jane: How about the 17th of September as a possibility.

Deb: The 17th is. that looks okay, I believe Okay. Cate?

Cate: Not sure. Honestly, I'm not sure now. I'm hoping to travel in September, and I, remember, have not traveled in years. But again, that was ever, provided we leave midweek the following weeks work, ...we're also doing... Oh, right. Working. But so if we would just table this and figure and I think it's important information, is how many would we be, what percentage of the volunteers are, would be gone in the fall and the after so after?

Santina: Okay, yeah, that might help. We have to go either earlier or later. What our better option is and also working around conflicts of key members who I think need to be there.

Cate: Okay, thank you. Thanks, Santana. Thank you.

Rocking horse I went to the Friends meeting last night. And they partnered with the library for the last rocking horse. Ardeth and Sharyn both remembered having the rocking horse on display at the old library. And they didn't call it a raffle. I'm sorry, I don't have my notes, they're in my purse. What we're doing is a drawing. They call it a drawing. They call it a drawing and they sold tickets for the rocking horse and had the drawing on Memorial Day. They are willing to do that again right? Especially excited about it. They would underwrite the tickets and all about and partner with the library to do, have drawing that's available and then drawing next year Memorial Day. So we have a home temporary home for the rocking horse once it's painted in terms of raising funds through Friends. What they did ask was the last time it was a special was the building fund. And so they thought it would be better received and a good idea. A special project. so that will be something to think about and come up with over the next few months.

Jane: We're talking about Memorial Day next year.

Cate: Yes. A special project. So that when people are donating just a drawing or something for some things, yeah. And thank you [indistinct] for making the Rocking Horse.

Arlene: not that it makes any difference but it wasn't raffled on Memorial Day. It was a special day. Most of all, Marsha Boelio was the one who did it. The Friends helped sell tickets for events really, you know, they probably remember it but they weren't.

Cate: We figured you'd have, we all said Arlene should be here because she will remember exactly what happened. Arlene: The library did it.

Cate: the Friends were tied to it. Right? Yeah, well, they can't really run out and sell tickets so it would need to be on display. Friends with underwrite the printing of the ticket, would do the drawing next Memorial Day as we had suggested, when this all came up with an idea.

Arlene: they're not willing to sell tickets?!

Cate: Didn't say they weren't willing and said they were wanting to display at the library. They would come in and they'll take care of them.

Arlene: Most tickets were sold by individuals. So last time, people worked very hard to sell the tickets. They were not meant to be sold at the library. People, board members, Friends members and volunteers sold the tickets. But again, it doesn't mean you can't do it the other way. I'm just saying that that that is not how it was done.

Cate: People worked very hard to sell them. They did. They did. They did reference that.

Arlene: So we're at a different library. It was at the library a couple of times but it was not at the library all the time. It was at Memorial Day in the Park, but that isn't when it was drawn. And we did sell quite a few tickets that day it was the Memorial Day and then oh, I don't know if it was such a special day when it was drawn. There happened to be actually Michol our director at the time her daughter drew the ticket for us and there were just, it was just a small gathering of people.

Cate: All right, so it sounds like it'll be a little different, structured a little differently, but details will be coming through. Thank you Arlene

All right, well, tree, we're eliminating the, the whatever. Pear. it has been canceled because we've learned that it has invasive qualities. And we are looking at a new tree for to the left of the

library as you looked at the building where the Bradford pear was going to go and or whatever pear and at the suggestion the recommendation of people who chimed in was to put a prairie Prairie Fire crab apple there. Bob has one that's quite mature, it grows from there. They'll do well it will do well there it grows to 20 foot high 15 foot diameter. There are prairie fire. crab apples planted over all over the village so it will be part of that tradition. So the what does everyone think? Or he also has, we wanted to know what was in stock. So when it comes to plant, the other trees we can get that installed at the same time he had a Pagoda dogwood Deb?. Deb: Yes, Cate: and he also had what were the other very small. Deb: It's very small, five gallon bucket. Cate: right and then an equal is just as small what we say is one. Magnolia magnolia. This is where you get to answer what do you think should go in there?

Arlene: You know I'm for the crab apple that I already said that before. So I don't know what

Cate: I'm for the crab apple. They're a nice size already. We have someone to put it in. Anyone else have an opinion? I don't care.

Jane: Whatever you know. I know very little about these kinds of things so I can go with you. The two of you.

Jim: Where is this located again?

Cate: As you look at the building to the left that area we wanted outside the reading nook to have a bench over there and a little quiet reading spot.

Jim: Okay. The smaller the tree the better.

Cate: Well, it doesn't it only grows to 20 feet. So that's as big as it's gonna get.

Jim: That's probably not too bad. Yeah, I'm seeing it falling on the library. Not. good

Cate: okay, I'm not hearing anything so I guess we're going by the Prairie Fire.

Deb: Yay. All right. I will tell Bob's Trees tomorrow and they will schedule hopefully getting it done.

Cate: okay. Exciting.

Jim: And then we can crab about it later.

Cate: For sure. I'll meet you under the crab tree!

All right on to new business: Community Solar.

Jane: I did get in touch with Karina, the woman from Community Solar. Just out of curiosity, I wanted to see what our average usage is that they're going by to say that we're over and she said 26,000 kilowatt versus 25 is the cut off. So I noticed in the letter she did suggest that she would keep an eye on it and let us know with some reason we're able to get it down. So I don't see anything wrong with just asking her to do that. But I don't know how I really feel.

Cate: Thank you, Jane. And there's there's another benefit of having the audit done to see what's going on where usage is, right.

Jane: Because I'm not comfortable, you know, with going with that 10 year plan.

All: Oh, no, no, no, no.

Jane: Yeah. All right. So my question is, do you want me to just get in touch with her and tell her Yes to know to let us know if our usage decreases at some point that would make us eligible

Jim: and we're looking into trying to reduce our usage too.

Cate: Because then that contract that 10 year contract ties our hands completely from getting solar. So that's not happening. No. thank you, Jane. Any further discussion about that? All right,

so we already discussed closing the securities account that motion was made and passed and carried. So I don't know if there's any other business.

Deb: Jane, sorry. Did you say you'll talk to Karina?

Jane: Yeah, okay. Okay, so you don't have to deal with that. What I will do, Deb is I'll put you on the email. Okay. Just so you know. Yep.

Arlene: I have a quick question. I didn't see anything - is the library doing a float in the parade this year?

Deb: We are not. Oh, well, we don't have a float. Because we had to take it apart.

Arlene: Hmm. Well, that's too bad. It is. that we've been in the parade since before the library starting the year before the library opened. Well, I'm disappointed. Maybe next year.

Deb: I hope so. I, the cost of wood to rebuild it, at this point, is a lot. I think it's not a lot of wood but wood is not cheap right now to get up. Really, really high.

Cate: can't get someone with a pickup truck?. All right. So any other comments? Eric? Is very patient listening to all of us. Thank you for coming. No Okay. All right. Jim, Motion to adjourn. Okay. Arlene, Arlene. Second to adjourn. All in favor. Aye. Any opposed, abstaining. Motion carried. We are adjourned at 7:34