

Library Board Meeting - April 24, 2018

Members Present: Library Director Christina Becker; Board Members Jen Baker-Porazinski, Monica Ravreby, Sue Mitchell, Clem Crowe, Sue Sawyer, Mary Laedlein, Ken Gottry, Bob Odess

SM made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. SS seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

BO reviewed 3 months of reports. He notes we had a generous gift to the library from the estate of Mrs. Patton for \$2000 for children's programming and books. The board brainstormed different ways to expand youth programs (including hosting events over the vacation, partnering with the CYC for movie night).

Old Business:

The board unanimously agreed to amend the proposed school budget to \$52,000.

The board passed around the SALS dinner sign-up sheet for Monday May 21.

New Business

Deb Jaffee, committee chair for the Cambridge Valley Farmer's Market, came to the library to present her ideas for expanding the community market to attract quality vendors and customers in this competitive field. There is a Community Tent (currently frequented often by The Village Coop) for promoting local businesses. CB mentioned an interest in having a library presence at the Community Tent. Deb Jaffee and Gina Deibel applied for a LARAC grant and were hoping the library could sponsor this application for the grant to help pay for local musicians and the arts including a Maker's tent where people can share their crafts and time. The sponsor of the Farmer's Market (CVCDDP) is supportive of the grant (which would be for this October). CB is hoping to have a regular library presence at the Farmer's Market. The Friends of the Library are purchasing a banner for future library endeavors. The Farmer's Market begins outdoors on May 20th.

Library Director Report:

The newsletter is at the printer to be put in The Eagle and The Free Press.

The Annual report was turned in to SALS and NYS has approved it.

CB handed out a copy of the Strategic Plan for the board's comment.

The village departments (including the library) are working on a monthly Village Newsletter with a copy of the community calendar included. These will be in several areas in the community and in digital format.

CB is working with The Friends for the mobile internet hotspots which will connect up to 10 devices with a yearly cost of \$110 unlimited data through Sprint (to be paid by The Friends). SM moved that the board pay the \$18 administrative fee to get this set up. All were in favor. The library is hoping to also bring books in the form of a mobile bookmobile to interested communities along with the hotspots.

CB has partnered with The Alzheimer's Association to offer classes at the library including warning signs, effective communication and dementia discussions. Mary Madison, RN from the Cambridge Health Center, is helping with the goal of forming a support group locally.

Upcoming events by Howard Romack: On 5/12 he will be doing a Lake Lauderdale Hike, on 6/2 he will do a Live Critter Exhibit and Discussion, on 6/5 he will present a lecture and slide show on the French Guiana tropical rainforest and on 8/4 he will do an adult science enrichment program at the Salem Rod and Gun Club.

CB received confirmation for performers of the summer reading program for July in Hubbard Hall on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 including a magician, musician, and a ventriloquist.

CB is working with Greenwich to put on a Battle with the Bands.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Tuesday, June 12th at 4:15.