

Library Board Meeting - September 10, 2019

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

BO reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Monica noted a mileage expense of \$171.69 that needs to be corrected (check 982).

Old Business:

There was a discussion of the farmer's market and the Larac grant, which is felt to be well spent. Activity has increased. The library plans to have its own presence at the farmer's market next year.

New Business:

Melissa Skellie continues to volunteer to take care of the library gardens and would like to have a committee for this next year.

CB and SS note that Sara Dallas sent out an email regarding a few policy clarifications that need to be included in our policy manual. CB will work on these and then update the website.

CB notes we need to make a change in our charter because of the specified number of board members. CB will find out what this entails and will get back to us.

CB has tried to contact the architect for a cost estimate but has not heard back yet.

SM brought in some articles from local papers regarding regional libraries that received grants for security and renovations.

Bob has a question about the finish on the computers, which JBP will look into.

Library Director Report:

CB notes we have 107 individuals signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge and is hopeful to get 80 of these back.

The Star Wars summer program was very successful with 117 patrons attending and 22 attending Apollo 7 at the Youth Center. We are looking to do some joint nighttime activities for youth. CB is considering a kid movie night followed by a teen scary movie around Halloween, possibly November 1 and also some type of Christmas activity.

Betsy offered the 6 week "Science in a Jar" program that was very well attended, with between 26 and 44 patrons attending.

We held a "Safe Sitter" course for 11 young adults. She is looking to a "Safe at Home" course for younger children who may be at home alone for short periods of time.

The CCS K-6 summer reading program visited the library and 12 new cards were issued and each child left with a library book. Several have come back in to the library since this visit.

Monthly senior luncheons have been going well with 15-25 attending the third Sunday of every month.

Mahjong is coming twice weekly and recently celebrated 1 year of meeting at the library.

CB and Betsy are hoping to expand the children's programming as there are many regular attendees. They are hoping to make Tuesday mornings as "Baby on Board" for early literacy and Friday afternoon "Friday Friends Stories and More" after lunch. They are also considering changing Thursday to "Lights on Learning" to include the Ballston Spa robotics team doing lego robotics alternating with youth book clubs (engineering and mathematics) and "Science in a Jar" as a year round schedule. CB would like to be able to offer Betsy a monthly stipend of \$450 to do 12 programs a month. She will approach The Friends about this as well. CB asked if the board was supportive of this expansion and all were agreeable. CB will get back to us after she speaks with The Friends.

CB hired three new students (Thomas Gray, Jessie McCauley, Jaylyn Prouty) to work at the library as Gail will be retiring. BO moved to approve, SM seconded and all were in favor.

CB will be attending a Mental Health in the Library training at the end of September.

Yoga classes are held every Saturday at 10 AM in the library outside.

The next meeting of the Library Board will be Tuesday October 15 at 4:45.