

Minutes for Library Board of Trustees Meeting February 23, 2021

Meeting Commenced at 10:00 (This was a zoom meeting)

Attendees: Christina Becker, Monica Ravreby, Mary Laedlein, Bob Odess, Sue Sawyer, Ken Gottry

Minutes from January were accepted without discussion. Motion to approve by MR and seconded by ML.

It was mentioned that thank you notes were received from staff for bonuses, and from Laura Fedler for flowers given in remembrance of her mother.

Budget

Bob Odess had sent the Dec. and Jan. budget report to members through email. Discussion followed about the money that would be carried over into the new fiscal year. The budget has been sent to Les at the Village. CB will bring the appropriation form to Kate at the end of the week to get our \$58,000 on the ballot for the May vote. The report will be completed, sent to SAL for review by March 5, and then sent to the state. Our approved funding should remain intact even if the school budget does not pass. (from Sarah Dallas)

The question was asked about an audit. While this could occur, it never has.

Recognition was given for donations to the library from Christine Palinski, Heidi Knecht, Naomi Marsh. Long time library volunteer and friend, Barbara Malay, sadly passed, and her children asked for any donations made in her memory be given to the library. CB will reach out and see if there are any specific genres or materials that would be meaningful.

Old Business

Gym donation – CB and Bella weeded out old and outdated materials from the health and wellness section. An updated list of newer books and materials are being compiled. A plaque denoting where donations came from, will be in each book. Circulating kits are being developed. These include yoga/Pilates DVD's.

Circulation remains the same as last year despite the curbside restriction.

New Business

The staff laptop was received from SAL but needs an appointment with JA to get it all set up.

Mary Laedlein will sign the Oath of Office to officially and agree to be the secretary for the Library Board of Trustees for the next five years. CB will make that form available.

Covid numbers seem to be on a lowering trend. The decision was made to reopen the library for browsing on March 1, 2021. Ten people with masks will be allowed in the library at a time. This will be “pop in and browse”, as in November. Curbside is still in place. Books will be quarantined for 48 hours. A motion was made to return to the November model by SS. MR seconded. CR will send a press release to the Eagle.

Friends of the Library agreed to contribute the funds for Take and Make Kits as well as a series of Virtual classes with MiSci (Museum of Science and Innovation) in Schenectady over the next few months. This could continue depending on participation. BO will provide a check for \$125 to the Museum of Science and Innovation.

Christina’s husband is undergoing surgery on March 5, so she has requested some time to take help him. All agreed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 23 at 10:00 am. This will be a zoom meeting. If in house is available, you will be notified.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by MR at 10:35, seconded by SS.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Laedlein