

Minutes for Cambridge Library Board of Trustees Meeting April 12, 2022

Held in Library at 10:00 am

Attendees: Monica Ravreby, Gerry Preece, Becca Flynn, Bob Odess, Sue Sawyer, Ken Gottry, Christina Becker, Mary Laedlein

Minutes – move to accept by GP, seconded by MR, and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Discussion included the information from BO that we cannot make more interest on our money and should consider ways to spend it. Money from the vote will go to the village. Report accepted. Moved by KG and seconded by ML, approved.

Business Reports

Annual Meeting – We aren't required to have an annual meeting (info from BO). Our charter and by-laws state that Trustees are chosen by the Library Board and Village Board. An official acceptance is made once Oaths of Office are signed. If there was an annual meeting in January, held for policy and review, oaths could be signed at that time.

Charter – Charter was accepted with change, and Board of Regents will send final copy within a month. GP and BF signed oath of office.

Window Painting - Jimmy Becker offered a quote of \$200/window. Dean Whitman would charge an hourly rate of \$50/hr. + materials. There was not a firm cost for final work. (Scrape, chalk, prime, and two coats of paint.)

Cleaner – SS contacted 2 cleaners. First, was Kathy Tracey who would charge \$30/hr. Second, Donna Christina would charge \$25/hr and would want a contract for a year. She estimated 5-6 hours a week. (\$6,250 a year) Every other week would be \$3,500 a year. SS will reach out to Kathy for an estimate.

Current Programming – In-person

Alzheimer/Dementia Info Workshops will be joining with Greenwich beginning May 2 at 11:00. This 10-week series will be available on zoom or in person.

Monthly Pop-Up Luncheons for Seniors will begin May 26th. This event, coupled with the Washington County Office for Aging, is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Story Hour will be pushed into May. CB will reach out to Mollie Bell, Melissa Skellie, or another interested person for to organize a story and craft once a week for preschoolers.

Cambridge Central School students will be visiting the library in June to enjoy a story and find out about getting a library card.

Cambridge Pride Celebration – Bella will have a table set up at Hubbard Hall.

Painting with Patrice – This class will be held to 10-12 people @ \$20/person. Hopefully this will be an outside event in June or July.

Cambridge Community Forest – There is a possible partnership with John Scott from SALS for a Story Walk this summer.

Other Ideas – Bring in presenters from Plant Connection to create Jellyfish Air Terrariums and investigate other Cornell Cooperative planting programs.

Summer Programming -This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. The Board and The Friends will share expenses.

Coloring Totes and coloring books with this theme will be giveaways for signing up. CB is reaching out to Chamber of Commerce to partner on incentive gift certificates once again.

Possible programs include Jodie Fitz "Fidget Grows a Pizza Garden" author visit and pizza making workshop (August? Friends?) \$225 + travel. Classroom kits for kids to grow their own pizza toppings (\$34.99, Library Board)

BO made a motion to approve \$1,000. For summer programming, including materials, and sharing the expense of gift certificates. KG seconded, and motion passed.

Mad Science – (July & August) Life in the Sea (K-5 gr.) and Blue & Black Oceans (4-6 gr.) \$184/each. 20 kids each, and Friends will cover the cost.

Other Business

Bella and CB have an idea for a “Seed Library” that might involve planting seeds in card catalog drawers that are no longer in use. Bentley Seed is looking ways to get more involved with the community and may be willing to help.

Farm to Library food delivery is widely used. Volunteers may be needed to complete the delivery chain.

Salary Considerations

Bella has been paid for her extra work.

BO moved and KG seconded to have an 8% increase in salary for Christina Becker, Bella Dill, Laura Fedler, Judy Dupuis, and Julie Weatherby. This would be retroactive to the beginning of the year. Approved by all. Funds will be transferred from the surplus funds in needed.

Future Ideas

NYS Park Pass, USS Slater pass, Human Library.org, fundraising – Muslin bags, magnets to promote library.

Building Project

Monica Ravreby provided a Building Committee Update that each member should have.

Discussion included the past ideas for expanding the current space to meet the anticipated needs for the future. An interest in maintaining the historic beauty and unique characteristics of the building was underscored. GP was to contact Paul Mays for a potential meeting. Mr. May’s firm specializes in historic library preservation. It was agreed that fresh eyes on the site would be a good idea. A walk through was suggested for 4/22 and a meeting on 4/28. A \$500 check will be sent for the initial meeting. Future meeting will take place after 4/28 mtg. Meeting adjourned (KG, seconded by MR)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Laedlein

