

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 20, 2021
Approved June 17, 2021

Call to Order at 4:34 pm by Lynn Skolnick, President via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, Sari Rosenheck, Steven Sharoff, Steve White, and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse.

Motion for Approval of Minutes of April 5 & 15, 2021 by Sari, seconded by Marcia, carried.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval Motion by Steve Sharoff, seconded by Connie, carried.

Motion for Bills to be Paid by Sari, second by Marcia, carried.

Committee Reports:

Programming: May programs finishing up, June already confirmed most of which continue to be held virtually, including: Pure Local Honey, Sullivan County's Not So Secret Civil War; Virtual Tour of Local Public Places and Natural Spaces; and Sports in the Borscht Belt.

Building & Grounds: Dave Kerber working on Mickey Mouse clock works and Tara and/or Karen working on repairing MM's leg; Dave Burr working on coping on top bldg. edge and also noted spaces between Hardie board which can lead to moisture problems in future; window edges and crack in Cheryl's wall waiting on Son T; MP sent letter to Village Mayor, George Nikolados, re Village parking lot repair of catch basins, including new culvert grates and tree roots involving library plumbing; small kiosk working with Karen Rapp; basement electrical closet gets water; need to raise metal file cabinet off floor- musty smell; next quarterly walk-thru September.

Policy: Policy on Whistle Blowers and Ethical Behavior, moved by Marvin, seconded by Lynn, carried (see attached).

Youth Services: See separate report from Cheryl.

IT: See separate report by Jonathan. Getting very positive feedback on how helpful Jonathan has been.

Monthly Statistics: Numbers are moving up.

Friends of the Library: pleased with excellent coverage Sullivan County Poet Laureate event at new outdoor stage; reminder that Hudson Valley gives on May 19; landscaping and clean-up on May 27; pledged up to \$500 for new plants; fundraising webinar on June 9; scholarships available for NYLA Convention in Syracuse on November 3-6; participating in "Round Up" fundraiser at ShopRite and Pecks whereby customers are asked to round up their bill to next dollar and difference goes to SUPLA.

Director's Report: Poet Laureate event drew good crowd and press to first use of outdoor stage. Almost 50 people attended with spaced seating and masks worn. Still seeking security guard; transitioning to allowing some patrons to come into library but not yet announcing change in rules; loose pieces of siding and roof edging need repair; working on remote on/off of stage lights and GFI switch for seating wall lighting; considering contractor for landscaping/mowing; two of three library construction grant proposals have been accepted, one to go; seeking estimates for repurposing area for teen room and an additional office both upstairs. Confirmed there will be no Sunday hours this summer.

Old Business

Covid-19 Update: continue to follow Governor's guidance; staff will continue to wear masks for now. New plan under Heroes Act needs to be put in place.

New Business

GAAP Audit issued by Cooper-Arias

RCLS Direct Access Plan allows symbiotic relationship among member libraries with cooperation and sharing of various services. Motion to approve by Marvin, seconded by Sari, carried.

Architect Scot Freestone Proposal for second floor teen space and added office. BOT postponed consideration pending further information.

Personnel Committee to meet June 22nd

Adjournment at 6:05 pm on motion by Sari, second by Steve Sharoff, carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 4:30 pm