

Minutes from August 18th Budget Hearing and Board of Trustees Meeting
In-person & Zoom Call Attendance

Recording Secretary: Connie Keller

I. Budget meeting called to order at 4:15 p.m.

Discussion of tax levy increase of 4.18% which is under 4.31% - the allowable % levy increase for the library in 2023 given our carryover amount. There was discussion and general agreement since 4.18 % is under EBCPL tax cap of 4.31%. Vote to be taken during the board meeting.

II. Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Lynn Skolnick Attending: Lynn Skolnick, Maureen O'Meara, Sari Rosenheck, Marcia Raponi, Mary Paige Lang-Clouse, Richard Arnold (in person), Connie Keller (remote)

Welcome to newly appointed trustee Richard Arnold

III. Motion to Approve Agenda by Maureen, seconded by Richard. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Motion to Approve Board of Trustee meeting minutes dated July 28, 2022, made by Marcia and seconded by Sari. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Correspondence - None.

VI. Public Comment: Rick Moore spoke on the relationship between Ethelbert B. Crawford's father, Samuel Stickney Crawford and Gulf Summit. He served as the station master there. Mr. Moore attended remotely to thank our Library, Lynn, and Mary Paige for their support of the Gulf Summit Schoolhouse Restoration Project. Their attendance at the July 15th grand opening of the restored schoolhouse event was much appreciated.

VII. Approval of financials: Motion to accept made by Sari and seconded by Marcia. Motion passed unanimously. Lynn mentioned most line items at 58% which is where we should be at this point in the year.

VIII. Motion to pay bills made by Sari and seconded by Marcia. Unanimously approved.

IX. Reports:

a. Committees:

i. Programming-Connie reported that the Committee has been weakened (fewer members attending the meetings of the Committee). Sari and Connie have been communicating regarding ideas for October and November. Lynn noted that public participation in the new building has increased to approximately 8,000 , an increase of thousands prior to the building change. Program Committee Report attached. By the first of

the year, the Board should reschedule Board meetings or program events so that they do not both fall on Thursdays. The next Program meeting is on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 1PM.

ii. Policy-The Committee had no report. Committee must meet to work on an Emergency Disaster plan.

iii. Buildings & Grounds-Marcia has a list of items to be addressed. Next meeting is September 1st at 1PM.

b. Youth Services. Cheryl's report, attached. Excellent job.

c. IT. Danielle submitted a brief report that was posted on the portal as LMMT Liaison. We continue to publicize for an IT person.

d. Friends of the Library. Lynn attended the Aug. 9th Friends meeting and reported that the Friends' efforts have been successful. Winners of the raffle were chosen at the Bagel Festival.

f. Director's Report. Mary Paige gave an update, see report posted on Board Portal. SUPLA has received funding from the county legislature that is distributed amongst the libraries to support summer reading programming for children. The SUPLA legislative lunch is on September 15, 2022 at our Library and will be a boxed lunch. On September 16, 2022, Cheryl is getting an award for Children's Programming from RCLS. The Wolf Lake Community Association may consider giving us a grant; they have given a grant to the Mamakating Library. Two people have picked up petitions for Library Trustee so far: Tom Rue from Forestburgh (3y) and Lisa Clark from Kauneonga Lake (2y) .

X. Old Business

a. Covid Updates. Protocols remain the same.

XI. New Business.

a. Motion to Approve the proposed 2023 Operating Budget. Motion made by Sari and seconded by Maureen. The 2023 Proposed Budget of \$1,448,863, a 7.58% budget increase that amounts to a 4.18% increase to the tax levy which is under the library's allowable tax cap of 4.31%. Vote to approve the proposed budget was unanimous.

b. The RCLS IT/ILS Agreement - a vote will be taken at the September 15, 2022 BOT meeting as to how we will proceed. Approximately \$5000 was not budgeted for 4 Sonicwall units (end of life as of October 2022) that were previously installed to provide Wifi access. We are determining how to purchase the necessary replacement units in a timely manner.

c. Aileen Gunther has a number of laptops that she will be donating to the Library/SUPLA for use by the public.

XII. Adjournment. A motion was made by Sari, seconded by Marcia, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33PM.

The next Trustees' Meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 4:30 PM. The Secretary for the meeting is Richard Arnold. Connie Keller is scheduled to attend the Friends' meeting on September 13, 2022. Steve Sharoff is responsible for the vouchers.