

EBCPL Library Board Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2022
DRAFT Minutes
4:30 p.m. In-Person & Virtual

- I. Call to Order – Lynn Skolnick, President
a. Recording Secretary: Rich Arnold

Present: Rich Arnold, Connie Keller (remote), Maureen O’Meara, Marcia Raponi, Lynn Skolnick, Sari Rosenheck & Mary Paige Lang Clouse, Director EBCPL. Remote auditors: Tom Rue and Lisa Clark. Absent: Steve Sharoff
Meeting called to order at 4:40 p.m.

- II. Approval of Agenda – Motion Sari, second Marcia, all in favor, carried

- III. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2022 – Motion Marcia, second Connie, all in favor, carried

- IV. Correspondence: – Email from Marisa Scheinfeld to Mary Paige re [Borscht Belt Historical Marker Project](#). One of four markers planned for this year was proposed to be placed outside the library. Trustees thought this was a great idea to proceed with.

- V. Public Comment - None

- VI. Voucher Approval (Steve Sharoff) – Motion Sari, second Maureen, all in favor, carried

- VII. Approval of Financials – *noted that certain items not included* – Motion Marcia, second Sari, all in favor – motion carried

- VIII. Bills to be Paid – Motion to approve Sari, second Maureen, all in favor, carried

- IX. Reports

- a. Committees

- i. Programming - See Connie’s report of Sept.14, 2022. Friday, Sept. 30, next meeting Could use more people on this committee.
- ii. Policy - Next meeting to be announced soon. No report.
- iii. Building & Grounds - Marcia reported that there were two loose pieces of Hardie board siding on the east side of the building, second story. Tentative dates to publish bid for teen space & office build were set. A special board meeting needs to happen to accomplish this and move bid docs forward. Meeting date to be determined by Mary Paige. Committee met with Scot Freestone about construction drawings for teen area and additional office. Set tentative timeline for getting bids out: put out bids Oct.3, due Nov 1

- b. Youth Services - See Cheryl’s report of Sept. 12, 2022 – Comment – [Clothing swap for the Great Give Back](#) scheduled for 10/1/22 – need more volunteers

- c. IT - Offered position still not filled. Mitch Cooper our temp. volunteer.

- d. Monthly Statistics – noted report on Board Portal

- e. Friends of the Library Getting word out to seniors getting legislators to get library cards contact schools. Cheryl will be recognized at Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony of RCLS on Friday. FOL too will honor Cheryl separately on Oct. 11 and Board will recognize her service and provide a reception with refreshments (beverages and cupcakes).

- f. Directors – on Portal – RCLS Annual Meeting tomorrow. Mary Paige announced that Debi Levine dropped off 10 gently-used DELL laptops from Aileen Gunther’s office for SUPLA. Signs for Budget vote and Trustee election are being posted in the 3 towns. Lastly: Special mention of the passing of our community leader Elaine Williams, political activist, founder of the Sullivan County Chapter of the NAACP—she will be greatly missed.

X. Old Business

- a. RCLS IT/ILS Agreement – Vote - September 15 2022 RCLS. Consensus of the board to stay with what we are doing presently with full RCLS support. Agreement moved to be approved by Connie, Marcia second, all in favor, carried. Mary Paige to submit signed documents to RCLS by 10/1/22.
- b.

XI. New Business

- a. Trustees on the 10/12/22 Ballot - Ballot details to be sorted out Friday, 9/16 by consultation with Marvin Newberg, library attorney and Grace Riario, library system director. What follows stems from that follow-up on 9/16: Joanne Rashell's petition did not have enough valid signatures to qualify to be on the ballot. Can she be a write in? No. Tom Rue will for one of the 3-year vacancies; Lisa Clark for the 2-year term. The final ballot was determined after the meeting with follow-up action possible on the 3 -year term left vacant. Whoever is appointed to fill that vacancy would need to run in October 2023, to finish out the remaining two years of the term. Grace Riario will attend the November 17 trustee meeting and offer some basic trustee training. After reaching out to Tom Rue and Lisa Clark, ballot to be finalized and mailed out to the County Sick and Disabled list of voters this weekend. This advised resolution was confirmed by the Board forthwith via email.
- b. Trustees to attend FOL meeting Oct. 11, 2022, to honor Cheryl Jones 'Friend of the Year' Recognition. Board to kick in for refreshments.
- c. Increase the bi-weekly transfer amount to the payroll account from the operating account from \$16,500 to \$18,000. Motion to approve made by Rich, seconded by Sari, all in favor, carried.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. made by Connie, seconded by Sari, all in favor, carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm

October Meeting Reminders: O'Meara - Friends mting (10/11/22 hybrid.), Keller– vouchers,
Secretary: Rosenheck

Submitted by: Richard Arnold 9/22/22