

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021
Approved May 20, 2021

Call to Order at 4:30 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 March 18, 2021 by Marcia, second by Steve White, carried.

Correspondence: Letter from Sullivan West Central School thanking Jonathan Sager for meeting virtually with his daughter's class to discuss basics of cybersecurity.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval Motion by Lynn, seconded by Sari, carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Programming: May programs, which continue to be held virtually, include Painting with Royal Icing (cake decorating demonstration), Handling Our Emotions (with Pedro Tweed), Opening the Door to the Other Side/psychic phenomenon (Psychic Cindee) and Pure Local Honey (musicians Paul Kean & Deborah Fisher).

Building & Grounds: Still need fix of Mickey Mouse clock, working on bids for lawn maintenance, need permanent solution re runoff on stairs leading from upper parking lot, Hardie boards paint matching continues, a couple of pavers need to be reset and our Little Free Libraries need to be periodically checked so they do not run out of materials or books get wet from the weather & need to be replaced. No weather damage, so far.

Policy: Planning to adopt a policy on Whistle Blowers and Ethics to present at next meeting.

Youth Services: See separate report from Cheryl.

IT: See separate report by Jonathan.

Monthly Statistics: Nothing outstanding.

Friends of the Library: Received \$750 grant from the [Stewart's Holiday Match](#) program, successfully finished plastic collection for a second Trex bench, Mary Paige showed members the speaker's podium that Friends will purchase for library, working with Sullivan 180 to obtain a grant for a future StoryWalk collaborative project with all the SUPLA libraries and the Friends bought a tree in memory of Debi Levine's father Yitz Kantrowitz.

Director's Report: Still seeking security guard, loose pieces of siding and roof edging need repair, several outdoor electrical outlets need repair, second free Trex bench ordered in exchange for our 2nd 500 lbs of sift plastic collected, we learned that former library director Alan Barrish has not been reimbursed for half his Medicare Part B payments since his retirement in 2013 as per Civil Service Law. The Library will be issuing several checks periodically over the next 18 months to catch him up. SmarterMail migration went off smoothly and it offers a lot of functionality. Free tax help with minimal personal contact through AARP was well-received with 18 returns done and several more sought advice.

Old Business

Trustee Term Limits: Lynn asked other library trustees on the trustee listserv if they have term limits. 20 responses most of which said no; a few had three and five year two-term limits, but they were larger communities with larger pools for trustees.

2022 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 3-8 pm. Up for re-election this year: Keller, Rappaport & Sharoff

Covid-19 Updates: we will no longer be quarantining materials as studies have showed no contagion from such materials.

New Business None

Adjournment at 6:09 pm on motion by Marvin, second by Sari, carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm