

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 16, 2021
Approved January 20, 2022

Call to Order at 4:30 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steven Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, Sari Rosenheck and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse.

Motion for Approval of Minutes of November 18: Motion by Marcia, second by Connie. Motion carried.

Motion to Go into Executive Session: At 4:32 pm motion by Sari to go into Executive Session for discussion of legal action, second by Marcia. Motion carried. Return to regular meeting at 4:55 pm on motion by Sari, second by Steven. Motion carried.

Correspondence: We received a nice letter of support for Cheryl, Chelsea and Ciera and their work for Youth Services. Nice letters in support of our nomination by Rep. Delgado for 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service by Honey and Sam Wohl, Denise Frangipani, Mary Kemp, Anthony & Nancy Kane, Aileen Gunther, Barbara and Richard Sush, Helen Rados, and Karen Reilly.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Steve, second by Steven. Motion carried.

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

Financials: We are at approximately 86% of the year and budget is about on target.

Committee Reports:

Programming: Excellent line-up for January and February, which is Black History Month. Programs include: Cultivating Happiness with Diane Lang; Oliver King presenting MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech; "Entertaining Stories and Delectable Dish" with Johnny Ciao; John Conway on the Kate Project re children who worked on the canals (not yet scheduled); and presentation by author Marcy Solomon on her book, "The Disappearance of Trudy Solomon."

Building & Grounds: Steve spoke with Village Manager Gary Lasher about repair of steps to upper parking lot, still awaiting having water pipes checked for roots blockage, window ledge has been repaired and Vera's stools scheduled to be refurbished in the Spring.

Policy: Policy Committee meets on December 12 to discuss Emergency/Disaster Plan.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones.

IT: No report this month.

Monthly Statistics: adult and young adult non-fiction, as well as periodicals up significantly.

Friends of the Library: Winter Family Fun Event scheduled for January 8; seeking a student representative; have raised \$15K; sponsoring Poet Laureate program.

Director's Report: still searching for LMM Technician, two part-time library pages, and a substitute library clerk; we are adhering to new mask mandate issued by Gov. Hochul; we are still trying to get a septic service to have camera examine sewage line for roots growing into pipe; awaiting installation of replacement aluminum for missing coping on roof; Dave Kerber fixed first floor bathroom light switch and GFI outside for seating wall lights; generator working well as needed it a few times last Friday due to outages in Village; awaiting smaller book arch repairs; Friends have collected over \$1,000 for pavers; 'Between the Bookends' overview of our upcoming activities and programs may go biweekly. We will need to review our staff budget early in 2022; SUPLA supplying funding for 2022-23 Sullivan County Poet Laureate program; staff will carry their cell phones while at work in the library for added security and pursuing a portable phone on each floor as extension of wired line.

Old Business

NYS Construction Grant: scheduling a meeting with architect Scott Freestone.

Covid-19 Update: one staff member tested positive for Covid and had to quarantine.

AARP/CCE Tax Help: will be hosted consistent with Covid protocols from 2/8/22 - 4/7/22.

Trustee Bylaws Revisions: to go before the Policy Committee

Trustees Re-elected Need to Sign Oath of Office at Town Hall

New Business

2021 Additional Budget Transfers: motion by Marvin, second by Marcia, Motion carried.

Approval of Appointment of Giuliana LaPiana as part-time library page

Conflict of Interest Forms: on Board Portal need to submit for January 2022

Approval of Cooper Arias for 2021 GAAP Audit: Motion by Marvin, second by Sari. Motion carried

Adjournment: Motion by Marvin, seconded by Steven Sharoff at 5:36 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:30 pm.