

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2021
Approved February 18, 2021

Call to Order at 4:31 pm by Lynn Skolnick, President via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steven Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Absent was Sari Rosenheck. Elizabeth Popovich attended

Motion for Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2020 by Marcia, second by Connie, carried.

Correspondence: Renewal Application for Real Property Tax Exemption in NYS (mail) Due: 3/1/2; Paul Manowitz sent in \$1,000 Donation; Thank you note from Joan Booth for holiday gift card.

Public Comment: Bette Popovich reminded us she worked for American Red Cross in Sullivan County and is now available on a volunteer basis to help with various safety information – brochures, etc., including pet safety (dogs, cats & rabbits).

Motion for Voucher Approval by Lynn, second by Connie, carried.

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

Committee Reports:

Programming: working on February and March programs which continue to be held virtually.

Building & Grounds: Stage roof and lighting still in need of correction. Village effort to prevent water from flowing down from upper lot behind the Bagel Bakery seems to be working. Still some issues regarding plumbing and pipe clearance of roots out onto Broadway. Spreadsheet of items needing periodic review is in place, may be simplified. Postponing quarterly walk-thru until March. Searching for carts to put folding chairs on for easier set up and breakdown. Mickey Mouse clock not correct; to be adjusted. Damage at the window sill in the teen area still in need of repair. Awaiting call back from T. Sonnenshein

Policy: See below under New Business.

Youth Services: See separate report from Cheryl.

IT: Kanopy for movie streaming like Netflix - free to our patrons - is working well and being used. The migration of SmarterMail to MS365 is getting underway through RCLS.

Monthly Statistics: Due to the downturn related to Covid-19, overall circulation is down 48%.

Friends of the Library: No meeting in January.

Director's Report: Delaware River Solar (locally through Ken & Barb Schmitt of Diversified Corporate Services) is soliciting customers to offset their NYSEG bills via a solar credit. The library – nonresidential – is not eligible through DRS at this time, however, Community Solar through Sustainable Westchester may be a viable option for the library. Reminder Mamakating Library lecture on Covid-19 by a microbiologist is January 27 at 6 pm. Question as to hiring an accountant, as specified in the board bylaws, is necessary going forward. By-laws have been put on portal as well as library policies, adopted and drafts.

Reorganization of Board of Trustees took place. All officers were reelected: President Lynn Skolnick, Vice President Marcia Raponi, Secretary Marvin Rappaport & Finance Officer Steven Sharoff.

Appointment of Attorney – Marvin Newburg

Appointment of Accountant – TBD

Appointment of Auditor – Cooper Arias

Designation of Official Newspaper – The Sullivan County Democrat

Designation of Monthly Meeting Schedule – 3rd Thursday at 4:30 pm

Committee Appointments – Several Trustees changed committees

Voucher Schedule & Friends Meeting Schedule – Is posted on the Portal

Old Business

Covid-19 Update: staff will be allowed time off (2 hours) to get their Covid 19 vaccines. Must be included in our re-opening/.safety plan.

Public Library Treasurer & Finance Officer

Library Advocacy Day – Friday, February 26, 2021 - Registration has not yet opened. It will be virtual.

RCLS Legislative Breakfast – Possibly September 2021

New Business

2022 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 3-8 pm

Up for re-election this year: Keller, Rappaport & Sharoff

Tax Help: AARP volunteers have been helping patrons with their tax returns for several years. There will be minimal personal contact process set up this year without patrons coming into the library.

Policies for Board Approval: The following three policies were approved after motion by Connie, second by Marcia:

Fund Balance Policy; Collection Development/Materials Selection Policy and Request to Reconsider Materials Policy and Form.

Adjournment at 6:05 pm on motion by Marvin, second by Marcia, carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm