

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2020 – Approved August 20, 2020

Call to Order at 4:35 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steve Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, Sari Rosenheck and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Elisha Santiago dialed into the meeting.

Motion for Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2020 by Connie, seconded by Marcia. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank You note from patron Marion Forties (?) praising our e-newsletter.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Marcia, seconded by Steve White. Motion carried.

Bills to be Paid: motion by Sari, seconded by Marvin. Motion carried.

Reports:

Committees

Programming: committee is working on August and September, which likely will be virtual or outdoors. We had mixed attendance at most recent programs but Oliver King's Frederick Douglass July 4th speech drew many hundreds of viewers on replays. We will try to record future programs for reviewing at later times.

Building & Grounds: Templates for indoor and outdoor items is being prepared so we can keep track of necessary servicing of these items; library wrote to Tim McGrath at DASNY with counter offer payment of \$60,000 to settle our existing claims; MRV ratings are still unclear; still trying to clarify when and how often our new diesel generator will be tested.

Policy: still need policy for outdoor use in time for reopening. Mary Paige will schedule the Policy Committee for virtual meeting.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones,

IT: see separate report by Jonathan Sager.

Monthly Statistics: obviously all statistics are way down given our being closed due to the virus; however, e-books were up 66%.

Friends of the Library meeting was held on July 14th and attended by Sari. Bagel Fest has been cancelled.

Renewals get a Friends tote bag which could be picked up if they have books on hold or schedule a time for pick-up. The slate for 2020/2021 is President – Helen, Vice President – Debi, Secretary – Mary and Treasurer – Karen. Postponing online raffle. Next meeting: Aug 11th virtually.

Directors Report: See separate report, including library has subscription to Zoom in addition to BlueJeans; still having issues with run-off from stairs leading from village upper parking lot; looking at purchasing external book drop before cold weather; DASNY sent plan to repair the vestibule; diesel generator fully installed, weekly testing schedule to be confirmed; no further information on smaller book arch on Kiosk and solar charging station but both are still being worked on; still collecting bags of plastics in our shed to earn Trex benches; twice weekly online newsletter by Cheryl and Jonathan going to once a week going forward.

Old Business

2021 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3pm-8pm is date set at this time. Those up for re-election this year: Marcia and Sari. Trustee petitions for board seat must get signatures – as per the Governor's Executive Order 18 instead of 25.

Executive Order 202.51

- Subdivision 1 of section 259 of the Education Law to the extent necessary to reduce the required number of signatures on registered public or free association library funding petitions to three and three tenths percentum of the total number of votes cast for governor at the last gubernatorial election in such municipality, excluding blank and void votes. Such petitions shall be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled election.
- **Any state law, rule or regulation governing the gathering of nominating petitions for any public library district or special library district election to the extent necessary to provide that the minimum threshold requirement of signatures on nominating petitions for library trustee elections to be held on September 15, 2020 or on a subsequent date after September 15 through December 31, 2020, shall be a number equal to seventy percentum of the minimum number provided for by Education Law or the governing statutory provisions of such library.** Such petitions shall be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled election."

Plans to Re-Open and Full Staffing: a multi-stage proposal was prepared by Mary Paige and discussed with BOT. Trustees reviewed the proposal and were to e-mail approvals by next day. A copy of the proposal is attached.

New Business

Motion made by Marvin, seconded by Sari to adopt 2021 budget with increase in spending of 0.44% and tax increase of 1.96% (below state mandated cap) by taking \$42,500 from the unallocated fund balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Marvin, seconded by Sari to continue fine and fee free until Labor Day. Motion carried.

Approval by e-mail allowing staff to participate in NYS Family Leave Program at employee expense.

Unless the Governor amends the EO, our August BOT meeting would be in person rather than virtual.

Adjournment motion by Marvin, seconded by Marcia at 6:31 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:30 pm.