

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 19, 2021 Approved September 23, 2021

Budget Hearing at 4:15. No members of the public were in attendance.

Call to Order at 4:40 pm by Lynn Skolnick, President. Marcia Raponi, Steve White & Mary Paige Lang-Clouse attended in person with Steve Sharoff & Connie Keller participating remotely. Auditing the meeting via Zoom: Marvin Rappaport and Sari Rosenheck.

Motion for Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2021 by Connie, seconded by Steve White, carried.

Correspondence: Note from Gordon MacAdam about donating local history book by his brother Henry and himself entitled: "One-Room Schools in the Town of Thompson."

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval Motion by Connie, seconded by Marcia, carried.

Motion for Bills to be Paid by Steve White, seconded by Marcia, carried.

Committee Reports:

Programming: Connie reported that programs for September are set and working on October. Recent programs outdoors have gone well, some of which drew about 50 attendees. September programs include Acoustic Entertainment with Keith Newman, Beethoven's 250th Birthday with Kemyndale Flute Trio, Hula Hoops for Adults, and Hudson Valley Flamenco.

Building & Grounds: Leak in sill upstairs to be repaired. Walk through 10/7, B&G meeting 9/2 at 4:15pm.

Policy: Emergency/Disaster Plan at next meeting 9/30 at 10:30am

Youth Services: See separate report from Cheryl.

IT: See separate report from Jonathan.

Monthly Statistics: Showing great progress.

Friends of the Library: donated \$275 for flowers; 174 lbs. to go to reach amount needed to earn third TREX bench; Bagel Fest was success, raised \$330 through voluntary donation toward books, litter pluck on 10/13; Battle of the Books virtually 8/28 – the Friends paid for the t-shirts the Novel Bunch designed.

Director's Report: Posted the position of security attendant and received many applicants. Interviews are ongoing. In-person indoor/hybrid programming getting underway. We have improved our screen capabilities for Zooming in the community room with many attendees. Working on policy for Emergency/Disaster Plan. A cement pad and dumpster has been installed behind 481 Broadway. Missing coping on the roof is being fixed. Getting the handicap door opener fixed. Mickey Mouse was repainted by Andy T. and Dave Kerber and other clock repairs are being made. Stage light issue has been taken care of. Friends have a gardening day scheduled for 9/9 to do some additional weeding. FOGS have been tending to the area and keeping things looking good. All three library construction grants were submitted and all three checks received. Will be meeting with the architect 8/27 to go over the project to create an additional office and creating a proper enclosed teen area - both upstairs.

Old Business

Proposed 2022 Budget of \$1,346,810 that includes \$351,162.50 in previously approved debt service and \$43,812.19 from the unallocated fund amounts to a 0.5% increase in the Tax Levy. Motion by Steve White and seconded by Marcia. Passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Marvin Rappaport to this point. Marcia Raponi recorded the minutes for the rest of the meeting.

Covid-19 Update: Discussion outcome “We strongly recommend masks are worn at all outdoor library sponsored events”. This is a fluid situation and can change quickly. Following NYS guidelines.

NYS Library Construction Grant Waiting on preliminary drawings from Scot Freestone, the architect. NYS Library Construction Grant is due to RCLS Wednesday, September 1st at 5pm.

EBCPL Strategic Plan 2021-2026 Approved on a motion by Marcia Raponi, 2nd by Connie Keller. Motion carried.

New Business

Establishing a Cash Reserve Fund for 2022 Establishing a Cash Reserve Fund for 2022: 25% of the 2021 unallocated fund balance will be added to a Cash Reserve Fund for 2022. Motion by Steve White, 2nd by Marcia Raponi. Motion carried.

Transfer of Funds Transfer of \$20,000 from savings account to capital fund. Motion made by Steve Sharoff, 2nd by Steve White. Motion carried.

FOL Recognition-Friends of the Library Week: October 17-23, 2021 The Friends of the Garden, Sullivan County, led by Susan Dollard, will be this year’s honoree. The award presentation will most likely occur during the October 12th regular Friends of the Library meeting.

Adjournment at 5:55 pm on motion by Steve White, second by Marcia Raponi, Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 4:30 pm

Respectfully,

Marcia Raponi