

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2020 – Approved September 17, 2020

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

Motion for Approval of Minutes as corrected of July 16, 2020 by Connie, seconded by Marcia. Motion carried.

Correspondence: July 18 note and \$25 donation from Marvin & Sydelle Ort. They praised the EBCPL as an important community “sanctuary” during the corona crisis.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Steve Sharoff, second by Sari. Motion carried.

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

Reports:

Committees

Programming: committee has completed virtual programs for September. The panel on Working in the Borscht Belt drew 79 attendees via Zoom and since then has had more than 200 views on our YouTube page. Guitarist Peter Fletcher also continues to get views on our page.

Building & Grounds: Templates for indoor and outdoor items is still being worked on so we can keep track of necessary servicing of these items; we will ask Friends of the Library to contribute to new book drop which is secure, and does not allow outside air into the building. We are still examining ways to fix the current book drop so as to be more secure and weather proof.

Policy: policy for use of the outdoor library programming space will be submitted shortly. Board agreed that we will reserve our outside space to be used for library sponsored or co-sponsored events since we do not have sufficient staff to patrol outside, oversee clean up, set up, etc.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones,

IT: see separate report by Jonathan Sager. We are pricing a new and more sophisticated video camera since we are recording most of our programs these days and posting them to our YouTube channel.

Monthly Statistics: e-books continue to see significant use due to Corona.

Friends of the Library: no meeting was held this month.

Directors Report: See separate report, including searching for and hiring a replacement for Alex who left in February. Awaiting DASNY check for settlement agreement to fix several items not installed properly upon construction. Cooper-Arias doing the annual GAAP Audit Report annually to be put out to bid on 5 year cycle to assure best fee arrangement. Making arrangements for 2021 library budget vote and trustee election on October 7; two seats on the board of trustees are on the ballot.

Old Business

2021 Budget Vote & Trustee Election: Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 3pm-8pm. Those up for re-election this year: Marcia & Sari and any other potential candidates must get their trustee petitions submitted by September 5. Paid Family Leave for staff has been established through our NYS Disability Insurance provider, Arch Insurance.

New Business

Grace Riario, Executive Director of RCLS, joined us virtually and reported on several items. RCLS is losing 20% or approximately \$400,000 in state aid for 2020; however, it will not affect what we pay RCLS. If such cuts continue it will probably affect libraries directly by the end of 2021 and thus we will see an increase in the RCLS service fee in 2022. Remote BOT meetings are extended through September 4. If not extended half the members may attend virtually.

Adjournment motion by Connie, seconded by Sari at 5:40 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2020 at 4:30 pm.