

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 – Approved July 16, 2020

I. Call to Order at 4:40 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Blue Jeans. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steve Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport, Marcia Raponi, and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Absent was Sari Rosenheck. Gary Berson also dialed into the meeting.

II. Motion for Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2020 by Steve Sharoff, seconded by Connie. Motion carried.

III. Correspondence: Thank You note from Sari Rosenheck for gift by Board of Trustees to EBCPL in memory of her late father, Seymour. Email from Jean Gallagher of Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office indicating that DASNY will reimburse EBCPL \$23,500 for readjusting the placement of the propane tanks that were installed incorrectly; DASNY will reimburse EBCPL half of the \$31,000 expense for repairs to the portico; and they are waiting to hear from Arris (the building contractor) and Architecture Plus (the building architect) about sharing the portico costs and reimbursement for the cost to recalibrate the thermostats.

IV. Public Comment: Gary Berson asked about the status of a paver he purchased in memory of Theresa Cassidy, who died two years ago. Paver was installed last October and this information was relayed to Gary. (*correction – after meeting found out that language on paver was not complete; to be corrected by the end of July*)

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

VI. Bills to be Paid motion by Connie, seconded by Sari. Motion carried.

VII. Reports

Committees

Programming: July's virtual programs are set; committee is working on August and September, hopefully some of which will be in person. Special thanks to Jonathan for his help with contacting and setting up our upcoming online speakers.

Building & Grounds: The bill for replacing the elevator back up battery from Schindler which was depleted when the generator was installed by Rotolo and power was disconnected was significantly discounted. Templates for indoor and outdoor items is in-the-works so we can keep track of necessary servicing of these items

Policy: 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, including 12 programs for kids and 2 for teens this month; preparing with Chelsea summer reading packets for students remote use over the summer; holding several webinars; and our webpage has been viewed on Google 1720 times this month.

IT: see separate report by Jonathan Sager, including remotely helping 10 patrons with technical assistance; preparing our technology and equipment for reopening; and studying the new generator so he is knowledgeable if and when it comes into use.

Monthly Statistics: 13 new e-patrons; writers group had 8 people participating.

Friends of the Library meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and attended by Steve (*which Steve?*). Mary Paige contacted Trex & moved the date of plastic drop off to earn free Trex benches. Helen volunteered to help get the plastic to drop-off points. Looking into online raffle companies. Debi secured Friends spot for the Bagel Fest, but will hold the check of \$75.00 in case it is cancelled. Membership renewals are due on June 30. As an added bonus,

renewals will get a Friends tote bag which could be picked up if they have books on hold or schedule a time for pick up. The Friends year ends 6/30. The slate for 2020/2021 so far is President – Helen, Vice President – Debi, Secretary – Mary and Treasurer – Karen. Friends will make a \$50.00 donation to the Friends of the Garden in memory of Mary's Mom, Josephine Mancuso. Next meeting: July 7/14/2020 virtually.

Directors Report: See separate report, including looking for way to reinvent our online offerings; policy for outdoor space use should be approved before we open; no further information on smaller book arch on Kiosk and solar device charging station but both are still being worked on; book drop reopened on June 10; curbside pick-up is growing each day from start of 18 on Monday to 94 on Wednesday; 26 bags of collected plastics in our shed to be traded in for Trex benches; stage is done except for small items Malum is addressing; learned that if we do not exceed our last year's budget, we may not need to hold a vote on it this year—only a vote on two trustees up for renewal, Sari and Marcia. Twice weekly online newsletter by Cheryl and Jonathan is still being very well received.

#### VIII. Old Business

Investment: Decided not to transfer funds into money market or other bank deposit account due to extremely minimal interest.

Punch List Stage: very little left.

RCLS Legislative Breakfast cancelled for Friday, September 25, 2020 at Bear Mountain. No annual awards will be given this year.

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.

Plans to Re-Open:

#### IX. New Business

Black Lives Matter statement was issued by ALA/NYLA on behalf of all member libraries.

Michael Haas informed Mary paige that he has exceeded his contract by \$4,000. for extra work on the stage beyond what was in our contract. Motion made by Connie, seconded by Marcia to authorize payment of \$1500 to satisfy this charge. Motion carried.

#### X. Adjournment motion by Marvin, seconded by Marcia at 5:52 pm. Motion carried

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 4:30 pm.