

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Approved December 16, 2021

Call to Order at 4:30 pm by President Lynn Skolnick remotely via Zoom. Participating were: Connie Keller, Steven Sharoff, Steve White, Marvin Rappaport and Mary Paige Lang-Clouse. Absent: Marcia Raponi and Sari Rosenheck.

Motion for Approval of Minutes: Motion by Steve White, second by Marvin. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Public Comment: None

Voucher Approval: motion by Lynn, second by Steven Sharoff. Motion carried.

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

Financials: motion to approve by Connie, second by Steve White. Motion carried. [noted mover and second but did this require a formal motion?]

Committee Reports:

Programming: Excellent line-up for December and into January, including Sue Dollard with Holiday Wreath Making (12/2) , Back to Bach with Barry Weisenfeld (12/6), Holiday Cookies with Rob Scott (12/11), Cultivating Happiness with Diane Lang (12/16), and Afro-Futurism with Professor Eve Dunbar February 9th.

Building & Grounds: Billman Ross checking out water leaks and caulking repairs of the vestibule after 10/26 flash floods.

Policy: Policy Committee meets on December 9 at 10:30am to discuss Emergency/Disaster Plan.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones.

IT: No report this month.

Monthly Statistics: adult non-fiction, music and games up significantly.

Friends of the Library: considering whether to go for 4th TREX bench, had Litter Pluck on Broadway, Friends attended Halloween Festival at Government Center, Sullivan County Book Festival to be held May 21 and already 31 authors participating, Winter Family Fun Event scheduled for Saturday, January 8th 12 – 1:30pm

Director's Report: Waiting to hear back from septic services to have camera examine sewage line for roots growing into pipe; awaiting smaller book arch repairs and working on minor items for the outdoor stage; seeking two part-time library pages and substitute library clerk, interviewing a candidate for LMM Technician position; 10/26 flash flooding & high winds caused a tree to fall and damage two employee's cars; SUPLA seeking 501© 3 status; 'Between the Bookends' overview of our upcoming activities and programs may go biweekly. We received another grant of \$10K from the Tianderrah Foundation created by former local resident Robert L. Gipson, bringing the total donated from his foundation to \$30K over the last 3 years.

Old Business

NYS Construction Grant: no update.

Covid-19 Update: proof of vaccination or staff testing policy to go into effect Monday, November 29th. Motion by Connie, second by Marvin, motion carried 5-1.

AARP/CCE Tax Help: will be hosted consistent with Covid protocols from 2/8/22-4/7/22;

New Business

Holiday Gifts: Trustees will give personal gifts to all staff. MP recommends bonus of \$750 for staff, motion by Connie, second by Steve White, motion carried.

Trustee Bylaws Revisions: to go before the Policy Committee

2022 Library Holiday Calendar: motion to approve by Marvin, second by Steve White, motion carried.

2021 Budget Transfers: motion by Steve White, second by Steven Sharoff, motion carried.

Reminder for Trustees Reelected: need to sign oath of office at Thompson Town Hall by Jan 1.

Adjournment: Motion by Marvin, seconded by Steven Sharoff at 5:36 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 4:30 pm.