

EBCPL Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21 2021

Approved November 18, 2021

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

Motion for Approval of Minutes: Motion by Marcia, seconded by Steve White. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Our library has been nominated by Congressman Delgado for recognition by the Museum of Library Services. We have to submit information by November 1 to be considered.

Public Comment: None

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

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

Committee Reports:

Programming: Excellent line-up for November and into December, including Lee Karasik, Hudson Cooper, Sue Dollard, and Sally Gladden possibly making presentations. Discussed whether to allow tips for performers.

Building & Grounds: Water stain on ceiling in children's area needing attention; storm on 9/23/21 caused flooding issues; pipe with electrical wire coming in from Bagel Bakery side had not been sealed.

Policy: Policy Committee meets on November 3 to discuss Emergency/Disaster Plan.

Youth Services: see separate report by Cheryl Jones.

IT: No report this month.

Monthly Statistics: attendance at programming events is down.

Friends of the Library: The Friends of the Garden, lead by Sue Dollard, were named Friend of the Year.

Director's Report: Power went out twice recently and generator kicked in seamlessly. Coat collection box in lobby to support Monticello Rotary was very successful and was filled several times. We are waiting to hear back from Sullivan Septic Services to have camera examine sewage line for roots growing into pipe. Still awaiting smaller book arch repairs and working on minor items for the outdoor stage. Partnered with Workforce Development for job fair in our parking lot on October 12 which went very well. Part-time security attendant and principal account clerk working out well. We are informing respective towns about their share of the increased tax levy. The Board discussed with Mary Paige a staff request to close earlier additional weeknights on a temporary basis and her taking action to address their concerns; to re-evaluate in the New Year.

Old Business

Motion to approve the RCLS 2021 Operating Budget made by Marcia, second by Connie. Motion carried.

Covid-19 Update: we continue to stay current with NYS and County rules and procedures for Covid-19 compliance.

NYS Library Construction Grant: we received notice from RCLS that our grant application has been approved by RCLS to be sent to the State for final approval for construction of teen space and additional office on second floor--we expect to receive 43% which is \$53K; there was additional \$25K in donations.

Friends of the Library Recognition: Friends of the Garden recognition took place at FOL October 12 meeting.

Budget Vote and Trustee Election Results: budget passed by 70-22; all three trustees were re-elected.

New Business

Staff Covid-19 Proof of Vaccination and Testing Policy: moved by Marcia, second by Connie. Policy approved by 5-1 vote with understanding that decision when to implement will be made when further information received from counsel and Civil Service is received.

EBCPL Recognition of Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day: we will continue to recognize both with slash.

AARP/CCE Tax Help: library will once again serve as hub for tax services observing all appropriate COVID protocols.

Adjournment: Motion by Marcia, seconded by Sari at 5:30 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm.