

Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2023

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President) Jerry Finin (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Judy Crilley, Paul Ventura, Donna Kropp, Gus Anagnopoulos, Glen Yelich, Patrick Wynne (Library Director)

Excused:

Absent: Rachel Stults

The meeting was held in person and online. The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:03 pm.

No public participation.

President's Report

Robert went to the town board meeting and gave the board an update on the new director as well as trying to get them to try to get the Sheriff's department to move on the lease for the Branch Library.

Secretary's Report

Gus made a motion to accept the December 2022 board meeting minutes. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the December and 2022 financials. We ended the year very strong with a surplus of \$35,000 (which included the Carey gift). The Greenery sale did very well, everything sold out.

Annemarie made a motion to apply the \$25,000 Carey gift over to the 2023 budget. Glenn seconded. Motion carried.

Gus made a motion to approve the December 2022 financials. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Annemarie and Patrick made a few minor changes to the budget, as per the discussion last month re giving the new director input before the Board vote. The Carey gift was added as well as \$15,000 for the Library Branch, and other adjustments. The budget has substantially more resources for programming. Joe raised the issue of being specific about how the WP Carey gift will be spent.

Annemarie made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget. Robert seconded. Motion carried.

Annemarie moved \$60,000 out of our operating account into the money market account. She is also considering moving some of the money to a higher return fund.

Fundraising Committee

Gus has been in contact with a well-known cellist about a fundraising concert. Joe Stated that Conkling Hall had a fund dedicated to bringing chamber music to the Hall. Gus has also been speaking with a poet and other writers for the Teachers and Writer project.

Board members note that a new fundraiser sign-up sheet is circulating. Board members should review the document and sign up.

Building and Grounds Committee

Jerry, Annemarie, and Patrick had a meeting with Supervisor Dulce who remains enthusiastic about the Branch. The Town will be reimbursing us for infrastructure costs like interior painting, shelving construction, furniture, etc., as well as directly covering maintenance and upkeep costs. Gus will provide his thoughts on interior design.

The alarm system has been installed. Also a contractor looked at moving the AC unit. The best alternative may be to move the AC unit next to the a split system and to add sound mitigation. We are still waiting for an estimate.

Development Committee

No committee report this month.

Director's Report

Patrick said that he'd sent funding requests to the town, and the Greenville and Middleburgh school districts. He is thinking that the new Branch should be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM . Patrick will publicly post the Library Program Manager position.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

There was a discussion about renewing the tenants lease. It was decided to renew the lease for another three months. Joe brought up the idea that, given the Library's strong financial position, we should consider taking the space back for use by the Library. That discussion was tabled for the time being.

Adjourn

Gus made a motion to adjourn. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino