Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes:

January 16, 2024

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President), Jerry Finin (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Judy Crilley (Secretary),Ellen Boyce, Susannah Friedman, Donna Kropp, Julianna Rauf, Glenn Yelich,

Patrick Wynne (Library Director)

Excused: Gus Anagnopoulos, Rachel Stoltz,

 Absent: None

The meeting was held online on Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by President Pondiscio at 7:03 pm.

President's Report

Robert

* Annual appeal complete and successful!
* Time to think about opportunities to support staff happenings.
* Strategic Plan review for next meeting..Trustees will receive a copy of the SP to be discussed from Patrick.
* Robert & Jen Bloom met with the planning board… We now own the piece of property that was under discussion for the last few years.
* Robert suggests we make a plan in the spring time for Memorial to honor Robert Bloom…

Secretary’s Report

Donna makes the motion to accept the December minutes and Susannah seconds.

Ellen makes the motion to accept the November minutes and Jerry seconds.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie

\*See Treasurer’s January financial statements

-2024 Grant focus discussion group in February thoughts & ideas:

Understand our roll with Middleburgh community Summer Writing Program funded.

Building & Landscaping- do we want a Board member to work with Diana on local donations?

Deck was less money than allocated in the 2023 Construction grant project. We can come up with another project to use the funds by adding a modification, example- roof over the deck

-2024 construction projects

-What are the criteria necessary for the grant application?

Buildings & Grounds

Jerry- back deck roof a good idea

Apartment -Patrick & Jerry moved the smoke detector sensor to the bedroom to solve the Issue of false alarms

Director’s Report \*see January Director's Report document

-Patrick will make his wish list for grant committee & 2024 Library Community Activities.

Some are:

Needs Trustee support for Fundraising Events

2024 Construction Grant sugggestion -Renovate large basement room

Summer Writing student writing program -Check in with Gus & Vivian

New Business

-Julianna will send the ice fishing contest invite link.

on Facebook, weather permitting. Donations will go to Medusa 4 H club. Library table hosted by Judy with Cookies & Signage for the the Medusa branch.

-Patrick will email Strategic Plan to all members to look over for March Meeting.

-John Dulce has become our Town Board Liaison…Robert will check in about his availability with Vickie. Annemarie & Jerry will meet with him.

-Ellen will attend Town Hall meeting on February 8.

-Susannah will attend Greenville SB on February 12.

& School Board Coffee Chats available- Susannah will coordinate Medusa Branch visit on Saturday

-Patrick will attend Middleburg School District

-Zoom meetings are always available.

Old Business

Ad Hoc Grant Committee meets at 6:00 before next meeting on 2/20/24

Adjourn

Glenn made a motion to adjourn. Ellen seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at @ 7:59 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on March 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Crilley