**Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: December 20, 2022.**

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

Excused: Glen Yelich

Absent: Donna Kropp

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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 gave a big public thank you to Gus and Judy for a fantastic Greenery Sale. Paul distributed a signup sheet for next year's fundraisers. We will discuss next year's fundraisers in detail at the January meeting.

A meeting of local non-profits took place at Conkling Hall. All the invited organizations were represented. A shared calendar will be developed to help organizations coordinate dates of events. The group will meet quarterly to discuss issues of mutual interest.

Gus brought up a proposal for a week-long writing camp for high school students run by the Teachers and Writers Collaborative.

A detailed program description was distributed at the meeting. The question is how this will be funded. Maybe the Carey gift can be used to fund this program.

Secretary’s Report

Rachel made a motion to accept the October 2022 board meeting minutes. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the November 2022 financials. The Greenville and Middleburg SD monies have arrived. The annual appeal appears to have been very effective. We still expect to end the year with a small surplus. Board members should review the financial documents distributed prior to the meeting.

Gus made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

An insurance review is still underway. Our current policy is comprehensive, and costs is over $8000/yr. Annemarie approached another broker who can give us proposal that offers higher total coverage with a very substantial savings over $2000.

Fundraising Committee

Gus is proposing a Library Instagram account that engages younger people and promotes the collection and our programming.

Building and Grounds Committee

New downspouts were installed. Electric heating cables will be installed in the new spouts. The paperwork for the new alarm system is in and a down payment made. We expect the system to be installed by the end of the year.

The agreement for the new branch library has been signed. The Rensselaerville Town Board is fully behind the concept. It turns out we may not receive any federal funds for this project. However, Supervisor Dolce found some maintenance money that may be used to help develop the branch's physical plant.

Development Committee

The Library will be receiving a gift of $50,000 grant from the WP Carey Foundation, to be paid out over the next two years. Future meetings will discuss how to use the gift.

Director's Report

We have received over $30,000 so far from the annual appeal. Board members are encouraged to read the Director's report distributed prior to the meeting. Staffing needs re programming and the new branch will be discussed before the next meeting. UHLS want us the think ahead through the next five years re construction grant needs in order to make a comprehensive proposal to the legislature. for the entire UH system.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Robert wants to acknowledge and thank Annemarie for taking the lead on resolving the reviewing our insurance policies and finding significant savings.

Gus made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to change insurance brokers. Jerry seconded. Moton carried.

Joe made a motion to authorize the Library Director to hire a program director whose responsibilities will be to develop programming and manage development of the new Branch. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Robert made a motion to approve a resolution to request increased funding from the Greenville School District. Gus seconded. Motion carried. See attached Resolution below.

Gus initiated a short discussion about Library merchandise.

Adjourn

Gus made a motion to adjourn. Judy seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino