

Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2022

Present: Robert Pondiscio (President), Hans Soderquist (Vice-President), Joe Frisino (Secretary), Tracy Bensen, Judy Crilley, Donna Kropp, Ken Rypkema, Paul Ventura, Kostas Anagnopoulos, Heidi Carle (Library Director)

Excused: Jerry Finin, Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer)

Absent: N/A

Due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

No public participation.

President's Report

Robert apologized for postponing the strategic planning meeting. We are looking at Saturday, February 26, or Saturday, March 5th. Board members still need to submit photos and bios to Heidi. Please submit ASAP.

Secretary's Report

Judy made a motion to accept the December Board meeting minutes. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie is absent. We are tabling the review of the December financials until next month.

Finance Committee

A revised Investments Policy was presented for board approval. The changes reflect discussions had in late 2021.

Ken made a motion to approve the revised Investments Policy. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee

Heidi encouraged the committee chairs of the various fundraisers to meet and plan. Heidi will send an email to the committee chairs to remind them.

No report this month.

Building and Grounds Committee

Hans reported that the committee met to make recommendations to the board on projects for 2022. The committee suggests we inspect the apartment. We haven't taken a formal look in anyone's memory. After the inspection, we can decide to continue to rent it or use it for library purposes. We will discuss this further at the board retreat.

Donna made a motion to approve the building committee report. Gus seconded. Motion carried.

Development Committee

To date, the Appeal has grossed over \$38,500. The 2021 surplus will be over \$16,000.

Gus made a motion to accept the Development Committee report. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Committee

No strategic planning committee report this month.

Director's Report

Heidi has been closely monitoring COVID cases in Albany Country. Positivity rates are skyrocketing. The Library continues to be open full operating hours and services. Circulation numbers are really good. DC Bucket will remove the dead tree. The Bank of Greene County grant application has been submitted. Staffing over the holidays was a problem. Volunteers have been trained as pages. National Poetry Month is coming up. Planning will begin in February. The "Director's Book Chat" has been postponed due to the virus.

Heidi is still looking for a Youth Service Coordinator.

Judy made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Donna seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

An ad hoc committee was formed to review and update the by-laws. Robert, Jerry, and Joe volunteered to meet within the next few weeks.

Adjourn

Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Gus seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino