

`Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2021

Present: Joe Frisino (Secretary), Linda Styer (President), Tim Lippert (Vice-President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Tracy Bensen, Jerry Finin, Paul Ventura, Jeanne Strausman, Robert Pondiscio, Heidi Carle

Excused:

Absent: Diane Frangos, Hans Soderquist,

Other:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. No public participation.

Secretary's Report

Jerry made a motion to accept the December Board minutes. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the yearend budget and fundraising numbers and December financial reports.

Tracy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Joe made a motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Fundraising Committee

1. Library Centennial Celebration may become a fundraiser. Linda will schedule a meeting to discuss. 2. Cocktail Party. Tim and Joe will manage another virtual event. 3. Ramble. Possibly the weekend after Labor Day. If we end up needing to do a virtual run, we can keep our June date and proceed without the Preserve.

Jeanne made a motion to accept the Fundraising Committee report. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

Building Committee

The Hold Harmless agreement regarding the Matloff request for occasional access to their property across Library property was discussed. The agreement was developed with attorney Jon Kosich. We will have Jon look at it again regarding the question of whether we can move forward if the transfer of ownership is not yet complete.

Joe made a motion to approve the Hold Harmless agreement pending further review by Jon Kosich. Tim seconded. Motion carried.

Tim asked if we can refurbish the Annex-side entry foyer. Auction items need to be cleared out of basement. Items that were not bid on will be returned to the donors or sold.

Development Committee

No report this month.

Strategic Planning Committee

Linda updated the Board. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30.

Middleburgh School District Ad Hoc Committee

Linda updated the Board. We will ask for \$15,000. Voter education material was prepared. A flyer will also be created and outreach will be conducted. Please review and send feedback to Linda. Linda will contact the MSD attorney to set the proposal in motion.

Annemarie made a motion to accept the MSD Committee report. Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

Director's Report

Services remain drop off and pick up only. We began offering remote printing and copying which has proven to be popular. Board members should sign in and out every time they enter the building. Board members are being urged to contact relevant governmental entities and request that Library staff be considered essential workers re the COVID vaccine. Year end numbers: circulation was up 10% in 2020. Lending will slow down a bit due to funding cuts to the inter-library delivery service.

Heidi formally recognized the volunteer work done by Susan Cunningham on the annual appeal and the Greenery Sale among other things. Also recognized is Gjoka Rukaj for his help with snow removal. Craig Miller is recognized for taking over the weekly chore of taking Library refuse and recycling to the Transfer Station.

Jerry made a motion to accept the Director's report. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

The adult programming committee has not yet met. A meeting will be scheduled for the last week of January.

2020 Conflict of Interest Forms and Anti-Sexual Harassment training: Please get them in!

New Business

Board members are encouraged to take the library CORE training for new board members.

The Board approved the 2021 Greenville School District funding resolution for \$28,195, an amount that is less than the tax cap. The resolution is attached to the minutes. Resolution was approved.

Sign up for presenting library report at Town Board Meeting:

Feb 11, 7pm - Tracy and Linda

March 11, 7pm - Tim

April 8, 7pm - Jeanne

May 13, 7pm - Tracy

June 10, 7pm - Robert

Adjourn

Annemarie made a motion to adjourn. Jerry seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino

Greenville Central School District Funding Request
Resolutions for January 19, 2021 Board Meeting:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library, Town of Rensselaerville, County of Albany, State of New York:

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Rensselaerville Library (the "Library") are empowered, pursuant to Education Law §259(1)(a), to submit to the voters of the Greenville Central School District a proposition to provide an annual contribution from the school district to the Library and it has done so in the past, with the voters authorizing a contribution of \$28,195 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Library believe that additional funds are necessary to maintain library services for the residents of the school district,

NOW, THEREFORE, at a duly called meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees, on a motion made by Tim Lippert, and seconded by Tracy Bensen, it was

RESOLVED, that the Library Board of Trustees approves the following proposition for submission to the voters of the Greenville Central School District:

Shall the Greenville Central School District, Greene and Albany Counties, State of New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$28,195 for the annual support of the Rensselaerville Library, Rensselaerville, New York, and pay over such monies to the trustees of the Library for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2021-2022 fiscal year and each year thereafter until changed?

and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the Library director to submit a copy of this resolution to the District Clerk of the school district and request that the question herein be submitted to the voters of the school district at the May 18, 2021 annual school district meeting, in accordance with Education Law §259(1)(a).

Dated: January 19, 2021

/s/
Joe Frisino, Secretary

Vote: 8 In Favor
0 Opposed
0 Abstentions