

## **Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021**

Present: Joe Frisino (Secretary), Linda Styer (President), Annemarie Martinez (Treasurer), Paul Ventura, Jeanne Straussman, Robert Pondiscio, Hans Soderquist, Jerry Finin, Heidi Carle

Excused: Tim Lippert, Tracy Benson

Absent: Diana Frangos

Other: Susan Cunningham

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Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. One member of the public participated.

### **Secretary's Report**

Jeanne made a motion to accept the March 2021 Board minutes. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Annemarie went over the monthly financials. Expenses are in line with expectations. Our financial records are being transferred to QuickBooks. Backups will be maintained at Upper Hudson.

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

### **Finance Committee**

The Review of Financial Statements is proceeding. The cost of wasp and bat mitigation needs to be addressed. Wasp removal can be paid for in the current budget. Bat removal funding tabled.

Robert made a motion to accept the Finance Committee report. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Garage Sale: May 15th. Palmer House will permit us to store items. Susan Cunningham is coordinating. Cocktail Party: May 29th. Marketing plan is in place. Centennial Event: Nothing to report as of yet. The banner needs to go up. Jerry will coordinate. Block Party: August 14th. This will proceed this year. Will combine with the Fire Department's Chicken BBQ.

Hans made a motion to accept the Fundraising Committee report. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

### **Building Committee**

Paul has been attempting to contact Cornerstone re HVAC. Still waiting for a response. Other ongoing maintenance issues will need to be addressed. Work on the garden is underway.

Jeanne made a motion to accept the Building Committee report. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

### **Development Committee**

No report this month.

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

A plan has been drafted. Next steps will include sending the draft to the full board and to Gordon Enk for his input into the draft plan and process.

Annemarie made a motion to accept the Strategic Planning Committee report. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

## **Middleburgh School District Ad Hoc Committee**

Linda reported on progress. Information will be sent to all voters in the Middleburgh School District.

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

### **Director's Report**

Library opened to limited in-Library services on 4/13. The downstairs conference room is available for small group meetings. All eligible public-facing Library staff have been vaccinated. Library usage is increasing, but net-lending is flat. Heidi hired a new adult page. Construction Grants will be available this year. The Conkling Hall poetry month event was a big success. The Preston Hollow Parks Committee declined our Story Walk for this year. May will be a busy month for Heidi.

Robert made a motion to accept the Director's report. Jeanne seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Adult programming is being developed. Equipment for virtual programs has been received. More next month.

### **New Business**

The town's emergency snow removal ordinance hearing was held. The town will work RHDA and other hamlet residents to put together a workable proposal.

The UHLS has developed a survey about conducting an expanded anti-racism training for library boards. Linda will provide a response.

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

Upcoming board and committee meetings:

- Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 12, 6:30pm

### **Adjourn**

Robert made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino