

Rensselaerville Library Board Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2021

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

Excused:

Absent: Diana Frangos, Robert Pondiscio

Other: Susan Cunningham, Ken Storms

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held online. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Ken Storms attended to invite the Library to participate, via a designated representative, on a local committee to discuss possible alternatives for use of the Carey Institute property. Hans volunteered to be the Library's representative on the committee. Joe will participate if Hans is unable.

Secretary's Report

Tracy made a motion to accept the April Board minutes. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Annemarie went over the April financials. Overall, we are in "pretty good shape."

Jerry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Linda seconded. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

The Review of Financial Statements will be completed within the next month or two. QuickBooks is installed.

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

Fundraising Committee

Garage Sale: We made over \$500. It was a lot of work and we will need to reconsider whether we'll participate again next year. Thanks to Susan Cunningham for taking the lead. Cocktail Party: Proceeding on schedule. Block Party: Most details are still to be determined. Centennial Challenge: Linda set up a test site for people who sign up to track progress and compare with others. The event is a replacement for the 2021 Ramble and will run for 71 days starting late June. Linda suggests a \$20 registration fee. Registration will open early June. Committee will meet Monday 5/24 at 7pm at the library to discuss more details.

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

Building Committee

No formal report this month. Susan Cunningham provided a list of things that need attention. The question was raised as to whether we put a maintenance person on retainer? Paul will contact Richard Platel. If he doesn't agree the building committee will meet to discuss. Tracy will contact a tree removal person re: the dead tree in the back.

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

Development Committee

No report this month.

Strategic Planning Committee

Gordon Enk volunteered to lead a revised strategic planning effort. Meetings will occur throughout the summer.

Jerry made a motion to accept the Strategic Planning Committee report. Hans seconded. Motion carried.

Middleburgh School District Ad Hoc Committee

The vote in Middleburgh is taking place today. We will know the results tomorrow.

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

Director's Report

In April, we had a successful Poetry Month. Thanks to Susan and Tracy for working on the archive room. We had good volunteer turnout for the backyard cleanup. On May 25, we move into the next stage of post-COVID opening. However, there may be complications regarding mask wearing. Federal and state guidelines are evolving. The approach being taken by Libraries is also evolving. More information will be forthcoming.

Hans made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Preston Hollow Park Committee turned down our Story Walk idea. More groundwork needs to be laid before we approach them again.

Adjourn

Jeanne made a motion to adjourn. Annemarie seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

The next meeting of the Rensselaerville Library Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Frisino