

The Community Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 12, 2024

Call to Order:

As a quorum was present, President Becky Leggieri called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Rebecca Leggieri(president), Kimberly Zimmer(Library director), Janet Sands, Julia Walter, Harriet Berard, Linda Carpenter(treasurer), Cindy Barton, Pat Adams, Sandy Brewster, Abbie Gascho Landis.

Excused: Virginia Downes, Nathan Davis, Fred Barnes

Minutes:

Ms. Walter moved to accept August minutes. Ms. Adams seconded. Board unanimously approved.

Friends of the Library:

Kim Walchko from Friends of the Library attended and gave a report on the Friends' basket fundraiser which will be September 21 from 10 a.m. until 2 pm, drawing for baskets starting at 1 p.m.. A large number of beautiful baskets have been donated and ticket sellers will be available during library hours.

Staff Update:

Don LaPlant brought a report on a grant from MVLS of \$1500 for goals related to building literacy. \$1200 will be used ESL and adult limited-literacy books and materials while the remaining \$300 is earmarked for promotion and administration. Don successfully applied for an award for Courtney from MVLS related to her work in teen attendance and with the picture book collection. The award will be presented at the MVLS Annual meeting on October 2nd. Members of the board expressed interest in attending.

Director's report:

MVLS sent a letter of thanks for our support of the golf tournament.
Kim and Becky attended the Fam Fund event and accepted the \$12,500 grant.
A grant from the New York State Power Authority is in the approval process.
Personnel: Joey Barbato has applied for the library page position. Ms. Walter moved to hire. Janet Sand seconded. Hiring Mr. Barbato was unanimously approved.
The DEC is sponsoring a fishing pole lending program through the library.
Ten ukuleles, electronic tuners, and music stands were purchased with grant money. Larry Mazza of Backstreet Music is teaching a ukulele class at the library on Wednesday nights.

Treasurer's report:

Motion to pay bills made by Ms. Berard. Seconded by Ms. Sand and approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

PayPal account is in progress in order to receive payments and donations online.
Treasurer requested read only access to Bank of Richmondville accounts. Motion was made by Ms. Sand, seconded by Ms. Barton and Ms. Carpenter received unanimous approval for access.

Building and Grounds:

Members met with Brendan Becker, our contact with Lamont Engineering, in his office. He provided all information asked for by the committee. Mr. Becker got an extension for the \$80,000 block grant through September? He informed the committee that there is \$331,000 left of the EPF grant, earmarked for mechanical,

electrical, and plumbing work. He mentioned that the goal is to have walls up in January.

Mr. Becker intends to bring a report to the October meeting.

Personnel:

Committee looked into using NYS Deferred Compensation. A representative will come to a personnel meeting to give more information.

Policy:

Committee made the motion to adopt the amended payroll correction policy. The adoption was passed unanimously.

Development:

Next meeting has been moved to 10:30. Ms. Berard asked for and received volunteers to bring dessert to the Staff Recognition party on September 27th.

New business:

Finance committee is setting up a meeting with a possible new company for workers' compensation. Setting up an ad hoc meeting to discuss changing board meeting times to evening or possibly on another day of the week.

Adjournment

Ms. Walter made a motion to end the meeting, motion was seconded by Ms. Adams.

Submitted by Sandy Brewster