

The Community Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 14, 2024

**Call to Order:**

As a quorum was present, President Becky Leggieri called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present: Pat Adams, Fred Barnes, Cindy Barton, Sandy Brewster, Linda Carpenter (treasurer), Nathan Davis, Virginia Downs, Becky Leggieri, Janet Sand, Julia Walter, Kim Zimmer.

Absent: Harriet Berard.

**Guests:**

Kim Walchko, representing the Friends of the Library, thanked Kim Zimmer for her help with the Friends newsletter. Mrs. Walchko indicated that the Friends have decided to paint library roof slates for raffle to raise money for the Annex. Also, the Friends will be providing refreshments at the December 17 bell-ringing holiday presentation.

**Minutes:**

Mrs. Sand moved to accept the October minutes. Ms. Brewster seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Communications:**

Ms. Leggieri has sent a letter in response to Mrs. Rose Walker's questions regarding the library.

A representative from AFLAC has requested to attend a meeting regarding staff benefits. The trustees agreed to provide the representative some time at the December meeting.

**Director's Report:**

Mr. LaPlant has received a grant for an English Language Learners program.

Ms. Little has requested help with developing questions for the Battle of the Books event. Schenectady Library continues to disengage from MVLS.

Ms. Zimmer and the staff have concerns about the use of the library for early voting. It was decided that Ms. Zimmer and Ms. Leggeri will meet with the Board of Elections to resolve these issues.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ms. Carpenter presented the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Downs made a motion of pay the bills. This was seconded by Ms. Adams and unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

Finance:

Ms. Carpenter explained that three names were signatories on the Fam Funds: Harriet Berard, Linda Carpenter, and Ken Hotopp. Ms. Walter made a motion to replace Mr. Hotopp's name with the present board president, Becky Leggieri. This was seconded by Mrs. Downs and unanimity approved.

Building & Grounds:

Mr. Davis indicated the committee is investigating a new sign for the front of the property.

A new light for the parking lot will be soon installed.

Mr. Davis has been in contact with A-Verdi regarding the storage unit and cost.

Policy:

Mrs. Sand presented the new Naming Rights Policy. After a brief discussion it was unanimously approved.

Board Development:

The committee will continue to meet regarding the updating of the by-laws.

Long Range Planning:

Mr. Barnes provided an update questionnaire to committee chairs to determine progress on the goals established.

**Unfinished Business:**

The trustees are continuing in their quest to find community members to chair and organize the fund raising needed to complete the Annex.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Barnes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Brewster and was unanimously approved to adjourn at 3:00.

**Submitted by Virginia Downs**