

Old Forge Library  
Board of Trustees  
April meeting: April 13, 2023

Present: Kate Bartlet, Dave Berkstresser, Judy Ehrensbeck, Kelly Hunkins, Mona Lincoln, Linda Martin, Reed Proper, Joe Rintrona, Kathy Rivet, Sarah Terpeninng, and Linda Weal

Absent: Liz Lorentzsen

Guest: Dave O'Neil

Call to order: 5:30 PM by Kelly Hunkins

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion made by Kate Bartlet  
Seconded by Linda Martin  
Approved

Approval of treasurer's report:

Motion made by Kathy Rivet  
Seconded by Joe Rintrona  
Approved and entered into minutes

\*\*\*Dave O'Neil reviewed our current investments. Though we have had a loss in recent months, we are still in good shape with our investments. Dave suggested that we move some of our money from savings into CDs since the interest rates have increased. After much discussion, Kate Bartlet made a motion, seconded by Linda Martin, to have the Finance Committee arrange to transfer \$100,000 to a CD. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

- The library has continued many of its popular programs and activities throughout the winter and spring with great attendance.
- The Bookmark was sent via email, and paper copies will be sent out at week's end.
- The Seed Library will open in May.
- The Friends will host an Open House on May 15th to showcase the new flooring.
- The tentative date for the BASH will be August 13, 2023.
- The tent is scheduled to go up in May to accommodate our summer programs.

Old Business:

- We have formally invited Robin Wall Kimmerer to present in 2024 for the Regional Read. Several other local libraries and organizations have pledged their support for organizing and publicizing the event.
- The new floor was installed and all books have been re-shelved in their proper places. The circulation desk was also returned to its original spot. The floor looks great! We will need area rugs in certain parts of the library. After discussing rental options or purchasing our own rugs, Kate Bartlet made a motion, seconded by Reed Proper, to have the library purchase area rugs imprinted with our logo. The motion was approved unanimously.
- The concrete project for the garden should resume in Mid-May.
- Linda is working on the next round of Construction Grants. Intent to apply needs to be completed by June 21, 2023. Our application will include rebuilding the back porch and installing a handicap accessible door.
- All board members and staff must attend a sexual harassment training. There are sessions planned via zoom on the following dates: April 27, May 9, Jun 1. Please be

sure to attend one of the sessions, or provide Linda with documentation that indicates training was attended at a different location.

- The Board continued the discussion of the groundskeeper position. Linda will finalize the job description and post the job on the website. Once a suitable person is selected, the position will start as soon as possible. We will no longer hire Golden Acres to maintain our lawn, and will need to purchase a lawnmower.
- There has still not been a date set for the installation of the security system. We hope to do that in the coming weeks.
- The Friends will receive \$4911 from CNY Arts for the Poetry & Art Extravaganza.
- Linda has completed final reports on the NYSCA grants and the NYS Construction Grants

New Business:

- The hot water heater broke and was replaced.
- We have applied for the following grants: Community Foundation Senior Grant, Community Foundation Education/Health and Sciences Grant, LPCA Audience Building Grant (for Robin Wall Kimmerer event), Humanities NY Action Grant, and Community Foundation Equity Grant.

Adjournment at 7:10 PM:

Motion made by Mona Lincoln  
Seconded by Kathy Rivet  
Approved

Next meeting:

May 11, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ehrensbeck  
Recording Secretary  
April 13, 2023